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MARITZBURG COLLEGE

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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 and assume his place as a man of value in society.

Maritzburg College

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

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 – March 2025

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denotes Old Collegian

MCOBA – Maritzburg College Old Boys Association

QLTC – Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign



Back row: K Smith, A Lembethe, C Zondi, J Steyn, M Marwick
Middle row: Mrs S Elliot, Mrs S Calmeyer, B Dodd, C MacKenzie,
J Mhlongo, I Scholtz, W Smith, Mrs R Govender
Front row: L Volans, C Cook, C Luman, S Colenbrander,
I Murgatroyd, R Klute, A du Toit
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DAYS OF YORE

From the College Archives

125 Years Ago

Extract from school magazine No. 6, 1901 (reflecting 1900)

Excerpt from the 1st team cricket report:

Half your mannerisms arise from the habit of unknowingly imitating some showy player. A word to the bowlers is badly wanted. There is hardly one of the team bowlers who can find and keep the spot. Your only remedy is to measure out twenty-two yards anywhere on the pitch, stick up a couple of wickets, mark as near as possible the right spot, and try to drop the ball on it. Never mind breaks, lobs, and striking attitudes. You can strike attitudes when you are waiting for the next man in. When the bowler has gained the power of dropping the ball where he pleases, then he may try fancy work. This practice is easily got at any time and almost anywhere. Carried out regularly, even for five minutes a day, you would spare your supporters the disgust of seeing a decently pitched ball followed by a series of balls pitched anywhere from four yards in front of you to half a dozen yards behind the wicket.



100 years ago

Extract from school magazine No. 51, 1926 (reflecting 1925)

From School Notes, reflecting College has always educated winners:

At the Royal Agricultural Show the College obtained the first prize for cabinet work made by schoolboys over the age of 13. The names of those who made the winning articles are:

Arbuckle, Boast, Comins, Hartley, Kruger and Usher.

75 Years ago

Extract from school magazine No. 85, 1950 (reflecting 1950)

From Editorial Notes:

As we go to press, painters are busy renovating the school buildings. There is also interesting talk about plans for 1951: the grassing of Barns' ground, a new laundry and, best of all, a school assembly hall where plays can be produced.

* * *

Player critique 1st XI

An effective if incorrect batsman—at his best in a crisis. Hits with power.

50 Years ago

Extract from school magazine No. 110, 1976 (reflecting 1975)

From School Notes:

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 in April 1975. A suitably worded bronze tablet and the National Monument Plaque will be erected in due course.

* * *

Mr R Gutteridge

College is justly proud of many of its traditions, some dating back to the Clark era. One of the less happy ones, however, was the harrying of Second Formers into learning the names of members of the 1st XI and 1st XV. The demise of this practice during 1975 was a triumph for the enlightened views of Head Prefect, John du Plessis, and his deputy, Martin Hellberg, a reform carried through in the face of some stiff opposition from Sixth Form conservatives.



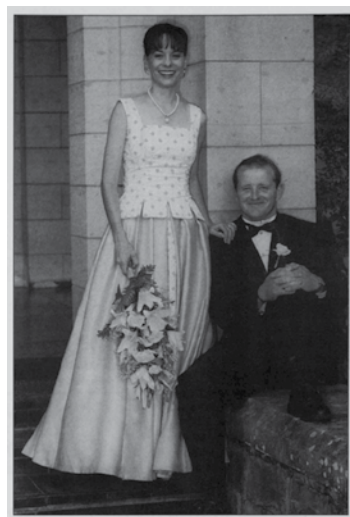
Taking a conversion in 1975. Note – leather ball and no tee.

25 years ago

Extract from school magazine No. 134, 2000

From the Headmaster's report at Speech Day:

The advance of technology and its impact on travel and communications has made the world smaller. It has also given us much less time to do most of the things we wish to do. The education system needs to take cognisance of this by producing young adults who are flexible but perceptive, open minded but ethically strong, adventurous but calculating.



Mr and Mrs Alan Redfern on their wedding day.
The bride is former Miss Dionne Joyce

Tribute to Joseph Hlela:

Joseph retired from Maritzburg College at the end of 1999 having first stepped onto its grounds as an employee in 1950. When he arrived at Maritzburg College one of his responsibilities was the supervision of the mules which were used to pull the mowing machines that were used on the school's sports fields. Many features of the College landscape had yet to be built and these include (amongst others) the swimming pool, the Kent Pavilion, the Fuller Block, the Commons Block and College House.

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In Loving Memory of Daniel Janneker



Maritzburg College mourns the heartbreaking loss of one of its own, Daniel Janneker, a Fifth Form pupil whose life was tragically cut short in a motorcycle accident on 16 June 2025. At just 16 years old, Daniel had already left an indelible mark on the hearts of those who knew him.

Daniel was more than a student, he was a beacon of kindness, humility and sincerity. His warm smile and quick wit brought light to every space he entered. Known for his ability to unite people, Daniel fostered a spirit of camaraderie among peers and teachers alike. His presence was a reminder that true leadership begins with empathy and respect.

A proud and dedicated member of the Maritzburg College cycling team, Daniel earned Honours for cycling and was regarded as the heart and soul of the group. His enthusiasm for the sport was matched only by his unwavering support of his teammates. Through encouragement and example, Daniel inspired others to push beyond their limits, proving that greatness lies not only in victory but in perseverance and teamwork.

Daniel's academic journey reflected his evolution into a confident, independent and level-headed young man. Always respectful, his exemplary behaviour and positive attitude earned him numerous merits. He approached challenges with determination and carried himself with grace, embodying the values that Maritzburg College holds dear.

Though his time with us was far too short, Daniel's legacy will endure in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. His life reminds us that true success is measured not by years but by the impact we have on others. Daniel's story is one of courage, kindness, and unwavering commitment – a story that will continue to inspire generations of College boys.

The Daniel Janneker Legacy Award has been created as a tribute to a cyclist whose influence continues to inspire excellence at Maritzburg College. This award honours a rider who not only demonstrates exceptional potential and zeal for cycling but also embodies the values and camaraderie of the Tipping Point Cycling Academy family. It reflects a commitment to perseverance, sportsmanship and the pursuit of greatness – principles that defined Daniel Janneker's enduring impact on the cycling community.

As a school community, we share in the grief of Daniel's family and friends, but we are also grateful for the time we were blessed to spend with such a remarkable young man. Our thoughts and deepest condolences go out to his loved ones during this time of profound loss.

Rest in peace, Daniel. Your light will never fade.

Mrs K Bartholomew • MIC Cycling



Staff photo 2025

- Back row:** L Mtolo, V Rajpaul, S Maharaj, S Soorju, A Budhoo, W du Plessis, D Sherriiff, V Noubouth, J Orton, S Eva, W Greyling, P Govender
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Music Department

TM Tshale	Choir master
Ms MJ Matthews	Woodwind
Mrs C Solomon	Piano and strings
J White#	Guitar

Epoch Optima Interns

Miss C Ghirao	
S Maharaj#	
Miss CC Mudely	<i>BSc (UNISA)</i>
S Soorju	<i>BSc (UNISA)</i>
A Badhur	
LM Mtolo	

Day Housemasters

SR Brill	Barns House
Mrs KL Bartholomew	Calder House
B Dodd	Commons House
NJC Croeser	Forder House
TJ Orchard	Fuller House
Ms K Moula	Lamond House
ML Sanders	Nicholson House
M Kritzinger	Pape House
SJ Mhlongo	Snow House
MG Warr	Strachan House

Boarding Establishment

Boarder Housemasters

K Elder	Clark House
SL Bosch	Elliott House
WJ du Plessis	Hudson House
R Barbour	Nathan House
MIA Morolong	Shepstone House

Duty Masters

R Abrahams, L Barnard, R Bremner, S Brill, S Buthelezi, Ms A Cilliers (House mother), R Coutts, M Diaz, M Dibben, S Eva, P Gonlag, W Greyling, H Horn, O Kajee, M Kritzinger, L Kruger, R Kyle, F Malinga, F Maritz, H Marnitz, S Mazibuko, J McCabe, M Morolong, C Myburgh, M Ngcobo, K Nipper, T Orchard, R Paterson, M Sanders, D Sherriff, L Smorfitt, A Sparrow, S Stopford, J Taljaard, T Tshabalala, T Tshale, J Wilcock, K Zakwe, M Zuma

Sanatorium

Mrs NR Caluza (2025)	<i>Senior Sanatorium Sister</i>
Mrs L Padayachee (2023)	<i>Enrolled Nurse</i>
Mrs N Hansa (2022)	<i>Enrolled Nurse</i>
Mrs N Steenkamp (2019)	<i>Enrolled Nurse</i>

College Business

KLL Smith# (2013)	Director of College Business <i>NDip Fin Mgt (TechNatal)</i>
Mrs JS Baptista (2021)	Foundation Administrator <i>BSc (UNISA), PGCE (cum laude) (UNISA)</i>

Miss C Campbell (2025)	College Connect Administrator <i>BSocSci Hons (UCT)</i>
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JB Lesur# (2024)	College Community Ambassador
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Ms JD Ponsford (2024)	Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Operations Manager <i>BBA (UKZN)</i>
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Mrs LEA Barbour (2023)	Student Care & Well-being Officer
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Miss RM Barnard (2023)	Events Co-ordinator <i>BComm (Varsity College)</i>
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Mrs R Govender	Khanyisa Outreach Co-ordinator
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SP Shange (2024)	Khanyisa Outreach Primary School Co-ordinator
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Mr A Moodley (2014)	College Shoppe Manager
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Mrs AS Gasa (2000)	Shop Assistants
Ms P Cairns (2019)	

Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication (MARC)

Mrs SJ Upfold (2018)	Director of Marketing <i>MSc (Natal)</i>
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Miss SA Campbell (2024)	Marketing Assistant
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SP Shange (2024)	Recruitment Officer
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Mrs R Ramdeen (2022)	Admissions Co-ordinator
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Mrs C Paterson (2023)	Admissions Secretary
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PM Gonlag (2023)	Admissions PRO
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Finance

K Burt (2025)	Commercial Director <i>CA(SA)</i>
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Mrs L Roets (2006)	<i>Accountant</i>
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Mrs OM Roets (2012)	<i>Debtors Manager</i>
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Mrs LM Munday (2024)	<i>Debtors Collections Officer</i>
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Ms ZD Mhlongo (2022)	<i>Finance Clerk</i> <i>Adv.Dip. Acc Science (UNISA)</i>
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Mrs C van der Merwe (2021)	<i>Debtors Clerk</i>
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Mrs S Kanavathy	<i>Procurement Officer</i>
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Human Resources

Ms V Chedie (2003)	HR Manager <i>BBA (UKZN)</i>
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Miss CA Naidoo (2012)	HR Administration Assistant
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School Administration

Mrs SM Calmeyer (1996)	Headmaster's PA
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Mrs EA Dewes (2012)	Editor: School Magazine / Administration
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Mr B Somaru (2022)	Operations Assistant <i>BSocSci (UKZN), PGCE (UNISA)</i>
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Mrs BJ Sparrow (2023)	Pastoral Care Secretary: Pupil Office
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Mrs JA Thornton-Dibb (2025)	Receptionist
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Ms KM Roberts (1993)	Senior Administration Clerk
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RG Gutteridge (2014)	Museum Curator & Archivist / Academic Support <i>MTech: Edu (DUT)</i>
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IT Department

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

WJ du Plessis (2021)	Recruitment Officer
Mrs SL Emerson (2014)	Co-curricular Administrator
Miss Z Zweni (2022)	High Performance Centre Manager
H Horn (2025)	Junior Biokineticist

Estates

Mrs SA Elliot	Estates Manager
SA Crosson	Assistant Estates Manager
CB Fincham	BE: Assistant Estates Manager
KD Hackland	Projects Manager
SS Duma	Fleet Manager
PP Govender	Drivers
D Pillay	

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

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

Kitchen:
WH Mbense

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

Cleaning:
MZ Msomi (school), OB Ngcobo (hockey and shooting range), SA Zondi (High Performance and Multi-purpose Centre)



Welcomes

In 2025, we welcomed several new staff members. We wish them all long and satisfying tenures at Maritzburg College.

First Term



Mr Flash Malinga
isiZulu



Mr Handro Horn
Junior Biokineticist



Mr Cade White
English



Mrs Janine Thornton-Dibb
Front Office Reception



Mr Siphwe Mazibuko
EMS, Economics



Mrs Rachel Caluza
Senior San Sister



Mrs Rochelle Lubbe
English Remedial



Mrs Heidi Breedt
Afrikaans



Mrs Almareza van Heerden
*Physical Science,
Natural Science*



Mr Nico Breedt
1st XV rugby coach



Mr Steve La Marque
*Aquatics Technical Advisor, coach,
Physical Education, Life Orientation*

Second Term



Mr Thabang Tshale
Music, Choir Master



Mr Ashish Badhur
EO Intern



Mr Luthando Mtolo
EO Intern

Third Term



Mr Sbonokuhle Duma
Fleet Manager



Miss Manisha Maniram
Mathematics, Technology



Mr Kenneth Burt
Commercial Director



Miss Carrie Campbell
Community Manager, College Connect



Mrs Myra Bohmer
Librarian

Mr Alan Redfern



In the Alan Paton Memorial Hall, Mr Alan Redfern addresses the boys and staff at his installation as sixteenth Headmaster of Maritzburg College on 22 July 2025.

The school was pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Alan Redfern as the sixteenth Headmaster of Maritzburg College, effective 1 July 2025. Mr Redfern had been serving as the Headmaster of Stanford Lake College in Limpopo Province. He brings a wealth of knowledge and 27 years of experience as an educator at several respected schools, including time as a Biology and Physical Education teacher at Maritzburg College in his early career in the late 90s.

In his address to the school at his first assembly, Mr Redfern said he was honoured and proud to be appointed as the guardian of the school. He looked forward to building on the strong foundations that already exist, to uphold the proud legacy of Maritzburg College while ensuring that every boy receives the holistic, values-driven education he deserves.

Mrs Finnie, in her welcome address, said that Mr Redfern believes every young man deserves an environment where he can flourish and realise his potential. His career includes service at several respected schools, where he was known for his integrity and relational leadership. He is both firm and fair, guiding boys towards sound judgement and responsible decision-making. A keen sportsman, Mr Redfern recognises the importance of holistic development through sport, culture, spirituality and character-building. He has championed leadership and well-being initiatives that nurture resilience and honour in young men.

Mr Redfern is married to Dionne, who is the Head of Epworth High School for Girls, and they have two adult children, Megan and David.

Farewells

We bade farewell to the following staff members who left the school during 2025:

First Term	Mr Nico Breedt
Mr Jacques Linde	Mr Darryn Joshua
Dr Chris Luman (retired)	
Mr Nicholas Whatmore	Fourth Term
Mrs Toni Harding (retired)	Mr Craig Fincham
	Mr Tim Orchard
Second Term	Mrs Bronwen Mantle
Mr Matthew Marwick	Mr Nigel Sutherland (retired)
Mr Joash Naidoo	Mr Eloff Pretorius
	Miss Caitlin Mudely
Third Term	Mrs Heidi Breedt
Ms Carmen McLellan	Mr Cornel Myburgh
Mrs Debbie Gademan	Mrs Sanita Deodutt
Ms Yaksha Sarawan	Miss Samantha Campbell

Dr Chris Luman



Dr Luman arrived at the school in 2013, having recently returned to South Africa after several years in the New Zealand education system.

During his time at Maritzburg College Dr Luman showed energy and drive, creativity and great determination, as he led the modernisation and humanisation of what for decades had been a proudly very robust place! He introduced the vibrancy of the Day House system, together with a sophisticated mentoring and pastoral system, including the more recent ‘Good Man Journey’, which has become the bedrock of the modern Maritzburg College. Dr Luman championed the development and flourishing of the all-round Maritzburg College boy, and the celebration of College as a place for every boy. He was also instrumental in updating and expanding the school’s IT systems, much to the relief of staff.

The school badge and the overall branding of the school were upgraded and modernised, much to horror of some of the Sixth Formers at the time,

and Dr Luman will well recall the protests and mutinous badge-ripping of ten years ago, now fortunately lost in the mists of time. Staff were exhorted to attend professional development, seminars/webinars and conferences. Although a man who was not be crossed, and one who was not afraid to show both the determination and the stubbornness of the immovable prop-forward that he once was, Dr Luman also fought vigorously for his staff and was always concerned for their well-being and welfare.

Mrs Finnie recollected that Dr Luman is a very kind man, who tried hard to show that he cared, often remembering birthdays and family members’ accomplishments of his staff and nurturing boys in difficult circumstances. Dr Luman has an enthusiasm for professional development and was a strong supporter of the International Boys’ Schools Coalition (IBSC) both nationally and abroad.

Head prefect Hadebe remembered Dr Luman’s meetings with the senior prefects as lessons in leadership. Dr Luman showed them that leadership was not about authority but about service, mentorship and guidance. Dr Luman got to know the people around him by listening, because ‘leadership is not about speaking the loudest but about listening the hardest’. Hadebe thanked Dr Luman for his leadership, wisdom and unwavering dedication to College.

Mr Colenbrander, SGB Chair, noted that Dr Luman’s legacy is the introduction of our Character Education and pastoral care programmes. Indeed, his Doctorate, conferred by UNISA in 2023, explored this topic in a thesis titled *Managing an effective character-based education mentor system for Grade 8 boys in South African schools*. He remarked on Dr Luman’s strengths as being resilience and courage.

Dr Luman experienced some tough times, yet also many good times and he remained proud of the staff and the achievements of the boys. Dr Luman had been tremendously successful in building a stronger Maritzburg College and preparing it well to negotiate the future with clear purpose.

Mr Matthew Marwick



Mr Marwick began his employment at Maritzburg College on 1 July 2004. He was a History teacher and subject head for some time. He edited the School magazine for five years. From housemaster at Nathan House and Clark House, he rose to Deputy Headmaster of Boarding. He has served as HoD: Prefects, Senior Deputy Headmaster and as Acting Headmaster from March to May 2025.

Mr Marwick’s journey at College began not as a teacher, but as a boy in uniform, walking these corridors and learning the values that he would one day come to embody and uphold as our Senior Deputy Headmaster and latterly Acting Headmaster. Throughout this period his dedication has been unwavering, and he has given his time, energy and heart to this school. As an historian, and the custodian of College heritage, he ensured that important stories are told lest we forget. He did not just serve this school, he embodied it.

He is a man of honour and courage and held himself to the same high standards of behaviour that that is expected of the pupils. At the same time, Mr Marwick’s humour is quirky, his laugh bold and contagious, and his ability to laugh at himself is refreshing. From the stirring, Churchillian style Friday assemblies that made boys feel ten feet tall, to the unmistakable, booming Marwickian guffaw echoing across the quad, when Mr Marwick was in full flight, one did not just hear it, one felt it. We all knew the latterly salt and pepper, dapper, bowtied and Brylcreemed school master, yet those who have been here a while remember his Clark House bachelor pad, fitting for the single, former high-powered legal eagle.

Mr Marwick has education in his DNA as he is a fourth-generation teacher. We are confident that he will rise to the challenge as Principal of Pietermaritzburg Girls’ High School and anticipate he will further cement its links of friendship and co-operation with Maritzburg College.

Mr Nigel Sutherland



Mr Sutherland’s first stint at Maritzburg College ran from 1986 to 1998. After a brief sojourn in New Zealand, he returned in 1999, where he stayed until his retirement as a Geography teacher in 2025. He has served as HoD: Prefects, HoD: Pastoral Care (Sixth Form), Housemaster of Forder House and superintendent (now known as housemaster: boarding) of both Hudson House and Clark House. Throughout his career he was involved in coaching rugby, water polo and swimming.

Mr Sutherland was a stalwart of the Geography Department at Maritzburg College, bringing the subject to life through his remarkable gift for storytelling and his unwavering enthusiasm for the discipline. His lessons were never mere presentations of information but instead, they unfolded as vivid narratives that helped students see the dynamic, everchanging world with fresh curiosity and insight. His meticulous attention to detail and profound wealth of knowledge set a high standard, yet he carried these qualities with a humility and calmness that made him a respected voice of reason among colleagues and students alike.

His relationship with the boys was special. Always calm, mild-mannered and approachable, he was able to engage boys of all ages. He made time to draw in that shy, struggling youngster and at the same time would make every effort to turn around the hostile, serial offender. He was undemonstrative and never pedantic. He was a man of his word and the boys trusted him. If he saw the need to punish, it was with a minimum of fuss.

His steady, even-keeled presence served as an anchor both for pupils and colleagues, who viewed him as a mentor. In Mr Sutherland, aka *Kamuti*, College is losing the bull elephant of the Geography Department, a doyen in the staffroom and the quintessential gentleman. When next you see him, ask him about Kruger National Park.

Mr Tim Orchard

Mr Orchard completed his schooling at Maritzburg College and returned in 2008 as a History and Geography teacher. Since the inception of the Day House system in 2014, he was Housemaster of Calder House and was also the Boarder Housemaster of Hudson House. He coached the 1st XV for six years as well as being the 2nd XI cricket coach.

Mr Orchard, or ‘Mr Orch’ as he was affectionately known by the boys he taught, soaked up knowledge like a sponge and was eager to share his sense of wonder with the boys. His general knowledge is formidable, and superior to most academics and he can teach History from his head. His vast knowledge of military history, in particular, brought the teaching of the World Wars and the Vietnam conflict to life in the classroom, while his social conscience challenged the boys in their initial beliefs about social and political movements, both past and present, leading to memorable class discussions and debates.

When he walked the corridors, boys went out of their way to greet him and broke into a proud smile after he greeted them back, usually with a comment about their hair or uniform thrown in. Mr Orchard was a true school master who used his involvement in the boarding, academic and sporting spheres to strengthen his relationships with the boys in the school.

Mr Orchard will be missed not only as a colleague, but also as a positive influence and source of support for our boys.

Ms Yaksha Sarawan



Ms Sarawan joined the Finance team in January 2013 when Mr Sven Jager, having interviewed her, decided she was a good fit, despite her previous background of working on cruise ships and touring the world. She started as a Finance Clerk and became the ‘jack of all trades’ in the department as she worked as Sven’s right-hand girl. She went above and beyond to help everyone, and as a result was extremely popular.

She was always Maritzburg College’s most devoted fan and did not restrict her activities to just the Finance Department. For many years she gave her time willingly to the boys of the Hindu Society. In recent years she acquired first aid qualifications and began assisting the first aid team, attending many sports days. Yaksha even travelled with the sports teams on inter-school exchanges to Gauteng, where she helped out when injured boys were taken to hospital, ensuring that the financial side of their admission was taken care of smoothly.

Ms Sarawan was a genuinely helpful, kind and caring person, with a bubbly nature, and she will be missed.

Accomplishments

Promotion



Congratulations to **Mrs J Finnie** who was appointed Senior Deputy Headmaster at Maritzburg College from 1 July 2025.

With over 25 years of service, this appointment is a testament to her dedication, integrity and the respect she has earned throughout her career. It is noteworthy that she is the first lady Senior Deputy Headmaster at Maritzburg College.

Long Service



Mr Sandile Makhaye (30 years) (left above) and **Mr James Maistry** (20 years) (right) were congratulated and awarded their Long Service certificates by Mr Jon Hoatson, President of MCOBA, at the Reunion Assembly in May.

SPORT AND CULTURAL AWARDS 2025

Our Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony was held on Thursday, 25 September 2025.
The guest speaker was Mr Sandi Dlangalala (OC 2009) award-winning actor, physical theatre practitioner, and movement facilitator.



OC Mr Sandi Dlangalala, the guest speaker

Address by the Headmaster, Mr A Redfern

Good evening, Mr Dlangalala, Mr Colenbrander, members of the Governing Body, honoured guests, fellow Headmasters, ladies and gentlemen, staff, parents, and, most importantly, the young men of Maritzburg College. It is a great pleasure to welcome you all to this year's Sports and Cultural Awards.

Tonight, we gather to celebrate achievement, but just as importantly, we gather to recognise effort, commitment and the spirit of participation that enriches our College community.

Education, at its best, is about balance. We strive to educate the whole person, mind, body and character. Academic study gives our boys the foundation they need for their future, but a truly meaningful education extends far beyond the classroom. It is here, on the playing fields, in the theatres, the music rooms and the debating chambers, that our boys learn resilience, teamwork, creativity and discipline, qualities that no textbook can fully teach. As Vince Lombardi once said, 'The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves.' These are the very lessons that sport at College instils in our young men, preparing them for life far beyond school.

Sport has long been a proud tradition at Maritzburg College. Healthy, competitive sport pushes young men to test their limits, to respect opponents, and to understand that victory is not only about the scoreboard but also about integrity, perseverance and honour in how the game is played. In learning to win with humility and lose with grace, our boys are being prepared not only for competition but for life itself.

Equally, our cultural programme enriches the soul of our school. Whether it be through drama, debating, music or visual arts, culture provides opportunities for expression, for critical thought, and for imagination to flourish. These pursuits broaden horizons and strengthen the academic journey, developing empathy, communication skills and creativity; qualities that employers, universities and communities value as highly as exam results.

It is this balance, academics supported by sport, culture and values, that lies at the heart of a holistic education. Here at College, we are deeply proud of the breadth of opportunity our boys enjoy, and of the commitment shown by staff, coaches and parents to making these opportunities possible.

Tonight, we honour those who have excelled but let us also acknowledge the countless hours of practice, the early mornings, the setbacks overcome, and the friendships forged along the way. These experiences shape character far more than medals and trophies.

To our award winners: congratulations on your outstanding achievements. You carry the name of College with pride, and you set a fine example for your peers. To all our boys: continue to strive for balance, embrace every opportunity and remember that a full education is not measured by marks alone, but by the kind of men you are becoming.

Parents, thank you for your unwavering support and encouragement, staff, thank you for your dedication and passion, and boys, thank you for your energy, your commitment and your willingness to grow.

I wish you all a memorable evening as we celebrate not just success, but the richness of the journey we share as the Maritzburg College community.

Pro Aris et Focis

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Sandi Dlangalala

The guest speaker began by expressing what an honour it was to return to a school that had been formative in his journey towards adulthood. His last visit had been on Reunion Day in 2015, making his return especially meaningful.

He reflected on the mixed emotions he felt when Mr Barbour invited him to address the school at the Sports and Cultural Awards ceremony. As an Old Collegian, he remarked, the instinct to serve College never fades, and when called, one answers. His respect for Mr Barbour deepened this sense of duty. As his former drama teacher and director of two productions, Mr Barbour had given him the confidence to pursue a career on stage. His own involvement at school had been extensive, ranging from choir and cultural activities to sport, including captaining the athletics team. He had also been House Captain of Oxlands, captain of the 5th rugby team and a Shouting Captain. He said he had always tried to carry himself as an ambassador for College, making the invitation both an honour and a homecoming.

He admitted that preparing the address was daunting. Speaking to 1 400 boys as himself felt very different from performing in character. He recalled his upbringing in Ladysmith and his early admiration for College before arriving in 2005. The school's ethos soon became clear: excellence, opportunity and an expectation that every boy should rise to his potential. The early days were overwhelming, yet a sense of brotherhood formed quickly, something he believes all OCs recognise. Even as a young pupil, he understood the expectations of honesty, integrity, courage, self-discipline, commitment and respect, values that continue to guide his life.

He remembered beginning as an Anderson Boarder, when figures such as the legendary 'Big D' became part of the fabric of his College experience. Moving later to Nathan House brought renewed expectations. During an early duty, a senior boy offered him advice that stayed with him: the school demanded greatness, and one received in proportion to one's effort. He embraced this wholeheartedly.

This principle carried into adulthood. Success, he said, is seldom accidental, and perseverance matters. He spoke candidly about six difficult years in his acting career, marked by uncertainty, financial strain and moments of deep doubt. Yet he refused to give up. A pivotal audition for Peter Pan revived his determination and confirmed the importance of persistence.

He reminded the boys that while these truths are familiar, they remain essential, everyone faces challenges, but each person carries the potential for greatness. Looking across the hall, he saw future leaders and men of character. He concluded by congratulating the prize winners, urging them to see their achievements not as an ending but as the beginning of a new chapter. Greatness, he said, starts here.



T Addison was awarded the Kean Hemingway Memorial Trophy for Emerging Leadership and Peer Fellowship.



The Wayne Lofthouse Memorial Prize for Courage and Tenacity in Sport was won by S Pedlar.



The Headmaster's Award for the Best All-Round Sportsman was presented to S Dzanibe.



C Zondi won the Graham Holder Trophy for the Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College. He received this trophy for the second year. He also won the Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture.



K Vogt received the Headmaster's Award for the Sportsman of the Year as well as the Headmaster's Award for Highlight of the Year for his outstanding performances at the International Canoeing Federation Marathon Championships held in Hungary.

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INDIVIDUAL CULTURAL TROPHIES

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 the 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 the 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

INDIVIDUAL SPORT TROPHIES

Hayden St John Ward Memorial Trophy for the Top Achiever in a Non-Official School Sport	DJ Cruickshank and 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 and 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 Tiffin 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 and 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

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Oscar Servant Trophy for Most Committed Tennis Player in the 1st Team	SJ Deane and 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 Player in Fifth Form	Water Polo 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 Highlight of the Year	KH Vogt
Headmaster's Award for Best All-Round Sportsman	S Dzanibe
Olivier Trophy for Sport and Culture	C Zondi
Graham Holder Trophy for Best Overall Contribution to Culture at College	C Zondi
Headmaster's Award for Sportsman of the Year	KH Vogt

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SPEECH DAY 2025

Speech Day took place on Friday, 17 October and marked the final official school day for the Matric Class of 2025. The guest of honour was Mr Mark Holness, Head Prefect of Maritzburg College in 1999, and Head of Leveraged Finance at Nedbank.



Guest Speaker, Mr Mark Holness

Address by the Headmaster, Mr A Redfern

Good morning, Mr Holness, members of the Governing Body, staff, parents, guardians, past Headmasters Messrs Jury and Olivier, invited guests, and most importantly, the young College men of the Class of 2025. Thank you for joining us today, your support means a great deal.

I extend my sincere thanks to this community for the encouragement you have shown me over the past few months. To Mr Colenbrander and the Governing Body, thank you for entrusting me with the leadership of this remarkable school. To our staff, and especially the Executive committee, your professionalism, dedication and steady support have guided me through an exceptionally busy start to my headship. To all academic and support staff, thank you for the countless ways you serve College. Gentlemen, before you leave this school, I hope you will take a moment to thank these people who have poured their energy into your growth, both in ways you have seen and in ways you have not.

I also thank my wife, Dionne, who has been my anchor over the past three months. In his absence, I acknowledge Dr Luman for his role in ensuring a smooth transition. And a warm welcome to Mr Holness, we are privileged to have you here and look forward to your message.

To the Class of 2025: it feels surreal to stand before you today, having shared only eleven weeks of your twelve-year school journey. I regret not having had enough time to get to know many of you properly. Yet the interactions I have had have left a strong impression. I especially acknowledge the four senior prefects with whom I have worked closely. Thank you for your honesty, your willingness to engage, and your obvious enthusiasm for your school. Your journey has not always been easy, but you have grown, you have served with integrity, and you have kept your promise to leave this place better than you found it.

Today is a defining moment, the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. As we celebrate your achievements, we also reflect on the years that shaped you, and we look ahead to the world that awaits you beyond these gates. On your behalf, I want to thank your parents, guardians and sponsors. Their sacrifices, often silent and unseen, made your time at College possible. You owe them deep gratitude.

You step into a world that is shifting rapidly. The Fourth Industrial Revolution is reshaping the way we live, work and relate to one another. Artificial intelligence, automation and global connectivity are transforming industries and rewriting what leadership will look like in the years ahead. The world you enter today is not the world your parents or teachers entered at your age.

With that change comes uncertainty, and it is natural to feel a mixture of excitement and apprehension. But let me assure you, this is also a time of enormous opportunity. The future will not belong to those who simply know the most, it will belong to those who can adapt, who can learn, unlearn and relearn, and who bring creativity, compassion and courage to everything they do. Alvin Toffler said, 'The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.' That idea strikes at the heart of success in your era. Knowledge now expires faster than ever, and what endures is your capacity to grow.

You will need to think critically, communicate effectively, collaborate meaningfully and solve problems with imagination. But just as important are the timeless qualities no machine can replicate: integrity, resilience, empathy and authenticity.

This is where Maritzburg College has prepared you well. Through the rigour of academics, the discipline of sport, the camaraderie of the boarding houses, and the richness of our cultural and service programmes, you have been formed not just as learners, but as young men of substance. You have learned to think, to question, to serve, but above all, you have learned character.

In a world of shifting realities, your character will be your anchor. Technology can imitate almost everything, but it cannot imitate who you are. In an age when so much can be copied or automated, what will distinguish you is authenticity, being real, consistent and humane. Brené Brown reminds us that authenticity is 'the daily practice of letting go of who we think we are supposed to be and embracing who we are.'

Being a College man means living your values with consistency, on the sports field, in the classroom, at home, online and in the workplace. Respect, humility, service and courage, these are not abstract ideals but behaviours we see in how you speak to others, how you respond to setbacks, how you treat people when no one is watching. These will set you apart more than anything else.

Authentic men do not shift their behaviour to please a crowd. Success without integrity is simply failure in disguise. As you step into the world, you carry your personal name, your family name, and the College name. Adaptability will help you thrive in changing times, authenticity will ensure you do not lose yourself within them.

Leadership itself is changing. The best leaders will no longer be those who command others to follow, but those who inspire others to walk with them. Leadership rooted in service, empathy and example will define the future. Influence will matter more than authority, listening more than directing.

The young men who make the greatest impact will be those who pair innovation with ethics, ambition with accountability, creativity with compassion. This is especially true in our beloved South Africa, a country that does not need more cynics, spectators or unscrupulous men. It needs men who act rather than complain, who build rather than criticise, who bring others with them instead of standing apart. Men who respect others, honour the women in their lives, and stand firm against forces that undermine our society. I hope each one of you strives to be such a man.

Every generation faces its test. Yours is to navigate an increasingly digital world without surrendering your humanity. College has prepared you for this. You have learned to think deeply, to compete fiercely, to serve generously. You have learned discipline, teamwork, responsibility and humility. These lessons are more relevant now than ever.

As you leave, take with you the spirit of this place, the red, black and white that has shaped you. Let the values of Maritzburg College guide your decisions. Never betray who you are. You are men of College, and that matters. Go forward with courage. Learn, unlearn and relearn. Lead and serve. Be authentic, resilient and honourable. And may your lives reflect the very best of what Maritzburg College stands for.

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Address by the Head Prefect, A Hadebe

Good morning to the Headmaster, Mr Redfern, members of Exco, staff, parents, invited guests and my fellow Maritzburg College brothers.

Today I speak not as your Head Prefect, but as the boy who walked through these gates on 15 January 2021. To many of you, I stand as an older brother.

In my Grade 8 year, I watched James Beauclerk, our Head Prefect, deliver a speech that earned him a standing ovation. I recognised then that someone from ‘the middle of nowhere’, could be the person everyone rose to honour. I did not ask for this role, God and this community called me to it. So here I am, at what many would call the defining moment of my College journey, my final chance to leave a lasting word, and your final memory of me.

In five years at this school, I doubt any other institution could have better prepared me for life beyond its gates. I wanted to be a day boy and argued with my parents about it. My chaotic first day, arriving late and in the wrong clothes, seemed to confirm my fears. Yet I remember Mr Kyle’s words, ‘Maritzburg College will give back to you what you put into it.’ That line defines this place.

To the Second to Fourth Formers: You have not ‘arrived’, not as men, not in life, and not at College. If you think you are somebody already, you are mistaken. A creeping carelessness in the lower Forms has concerned me this year. You are not here to chase *shpek* [recognition, status or clout], live for *pholey* [a life of laziness, cutting corners, doing the bare minimum] [both schoolboy slang!], or do anything half-heartedly. Your parents have not sacrificed for you to squander the opportunity. Many boys would give anything to be in your seat. Try everything, give your best, and accept that mistakes are proof you are genuinely trying. In this school, sincere effort, without façade, will be rewarded beyond expectation. Be true to your values, humble enough to learn, and willing to be corrected. If your friends mock effort and the small disciplines, reconsider your company. Bad company corrupts good character.

To the Fifth Formers: we hand you the responsibility of leading the school next year. You hold the most influential position, collectively, more than any individual, including the Headmaster, prefects, or head prefect. The school’s respect for you will stand or fall on how you use that influence. If the Sixth Form fails to hold itself to account as the example of what a College boy should be, you lose the authority to hold anyone else to account, and everything unravels. You will lead into a new era under a new Headmaster. Leave the school stronger than you found it. Lead from the front, support one another, and remain united, because without unity, achievement is impossible.

To my Sixth Form brothers: our journey has been unforgettable, from the ringing words in Second Form during ‘Vietnam’, ‘You aren’t waking up to cornflakes anymore,’ to a final Reunion Day that will live long in our memory. Our Form’s story is special not because it was perfect, but because it was not. From early on, both in the boarding establishment and in day school, we were labelled the worst Form. Even our kind-hearted Head of House, Zungu, seemed to lose hope at times. We failed often, despite trying. Third Form improved, Fourth Form brought real challenges, and a fierce rivalry with the boys from the year above us forged our solidarity. Fifth Form was full of carefree camaraderie and ambitious ‘missions’. Then came Sixth Form, the year we all believed would be our best year. Circumstances, some beyond anyone’s control, meant it did not become what we had dreamed. Then Proverbs 16:9 spoke clearly to me, ‘In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.’ That is destiny.

Destiny is the course one cannot outrun. It is said God gives his toughest battles to his strongest servants. Our bonds were stretched, our resilience tested and we did not always agree. But when I accepted destiny, I saw our year as a sacrifice for the good that will follow. I chose to cherish what was precious: leading our first half-time show, shared evenings together, and the meaningful closing moments of the year, especially with our MD, Reaza. I hope each of you sees how far you have come since you first arrived here, and that you are grateful for the friendships and the growth born of difficulty. As I told the prefects this week: easy times seldom make good stories, the hardest times often make the best ones.

Before I close, thank you to all staff, from ground staff to housemasters, for your guidance and care. To our parents, your sacrifices and your love do not go unnoticed. To my parents: *Bo Ma no Baba—ngiyazi ukuthi*

angivamisekile ukusho, kodwa ngiyabonga kuyo yonke into eningenzele yona... Ngiyanithanda bezukwalendlela enicabanga ukuthi nginithanda ngayo [Mother and Father — I know I don’t say it often, but thank you for everything you have done for me... I love you more than you think I do]. To my brothers, Lungelo and Bandile: comparison is the thief of joy. You have been unfairly measured against me, I am proud of who you both are. I love you, and I hope you surpass anything I have achieved here, as that will be my success as your older brother.

In closing, my love for this place is hard to capture in words. The people, opportunities and lessons have etched themselves into my life. The best love stories do not always have the neatest endings. I leave not bitter, but grateful and honoured to have been part of a great story. Thank you.

Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Mark Holness

Mr Mark Holness began by thanking J Steyn for the introduction and reflecting on how swiftly time passes. Hearing his own history summarised reminded him how vividly he still recalls arriving at Maritzburg College as an anxious thirteen-year-old from Johannesburg. In those early days he had tried to remain unnoticed, avoiding senior boys and even peers who might see that he had not yet formed friendships.

Rather than dwell on nostalgia, he expressed gratitude for the opportunity to speak. He congratulated the Headmaster, Mr Redfern, on his appointment, and commended the teachers for their commitment to developing young men, a dedication he believes is too seldom acknowledged. He also recognised the parents for supporting their sons and for enabling them to attend one of the country’s leading schools.

Addressing the matric class of 2025, Mr Holness acknowledged that they might question why he had been chosen as their speaker. He admitted that he did not possess dramatic credentials as he had not conquered mountains or oceans. What he did have was the experience of having sat where they sat now, twenty-six years earlier, feeling the same mixture of pride and uncertainty. Having lived the journey into adulthood, he hoped he might offer them a few reflections worth considering. Some might forget his words, he said, but he hoped his four suggestions for a life well lived would prove useful.

First, he urged them to live fully and with enthusiasm. He encouraged involvement rather than detachment, reminding them of Theodore Roosevelt’s belief that credit belongs to the one in the arena. At College, stepping forward feels natural yet beyond school, routine can tempt one into passivity. While caution has its place, genuine fulfilment often requires thoughtful risk and energetic engagement.

Turning to dreams, he added that while aspirations inspire, they should not become tyrannical. Quoting Kipling, he encouraged them to ‘dream but not make dreams their master.’ He urged them to focus on the tasks immediately before them, for diligence in the present often creates opportunities greater than one’s initial ambitions. Many, he warned, undermine themselves by fixating on distant goals while failing to excel in what lies directly ahead.

Second, he spoke of relationships, emphasising that love and loyalty matter far more than accolades. He reminded the boys to value their friends, respect their families, appreciate mentors and treat others with kindness. Success loses meaning, he said, when pursued without regard for people.

Thirdly, he encouraged continual learning. Life demands curiosity, humility and rigorous thinking. He urged them to challenge assumptions, recognise biases and remain intellectually open. True learning, he said, takes time, patience and a willingness to reflect.

Finally, he urged the pupils to consider their legacy. Legacy is not fame but the impact one has on others. He encouraged them to ask how they wished to be remembered and what difference they hoped to make.

He concluded by reminding them not to take themselves too seriously and to approach life with courage:

“So go out there to live, to love, to learn and to leave a legacy. Live bravely. Love deeply. Learn constantly. And leave behind a story worth telling. And if that is rather daunting, I close as I ended a speech 26 years ago. ‘Come to the edge he said. We are afraid they replied. Come to the edge he said. They came, he pushed them and they flew’. Gentleman, it’s time to fly into a life well lived.”



Congratulations to the Dux of Maritzburg College in 2025, M Brunkhorst (centre) pictured with his twin D Brunkhorst, Second in Form, and Headmaster Mr A Redfern (left), and Mrs J Finnie, Senior Deputy Head and C Mundell, Third in Form (right).



E Bester was awarded the Mike Brown Five Pillars Award.



B Pepu (left) was awarded the prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture, and C Gould (right) received the prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport.



The Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service was awarded to J Steyn.

SIXTH FORM PRIZE WINNERS

The Ian McAllister Prize for Academic Progress	Z Nkosi
Merit Certificates	
A Akoonjee, LN Bhengu, S Durgaparsad, KJ Ekstrand, CS Gibbs, K Govender, MW Greeff, SV Gwala, BN Hlophe, EJ McAllister, A Mkhize, M Naidoo, NRK Pembridge, KS Phungula, CPJ van Heerden	
Sixth Form Subject Prizes	
Prize for Business Studies	TD Naidoo
Prize for Computer Applications Technology	LC Wassink
Prize for Dramatic Arts	TW Ambler
Prize for Mathematical Literacy	C van Rooyen
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Afrikaans	S Naidoo
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences	AD Taylor
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Sciences	DC Naidoo
Merit Certificate, the Prize for English, and the Val Harley Trophy for Creative Writing	JD Moneyvalu
Merit Certificate, the Prize for History, and the Shaun Olley Prize for History and English	HM Maluleke
Special Prizes	
Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association Prizes for Service to the School	E Bester CM Cherayi JC Steyn
Phelps-Cannon Prize for Service to the School	AB Hadebe
The Charles Taylor Award for Good Fellowship	AB Hadebe
The Nora Cook Trophy for Altruistic Service	JC Steyn
Merit Certificate, the Prize for isiZulu, and the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Culture	BI Pepu
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Music, and the Prize for Achievement in Academics and Sport	CTB Gould
The Mike Brown Five Pillars Award	E Bester
Merit Certificate, the Prize for Mathematics, the PWC Prize for Accounting, the PKF Trophy for Economics and the Colenbrander Accountants Prize for THIRD IN FORM	CM Mundell
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Engineering Graphics and Design and Physical Science, the joint Prize for Information Technology; the KickstArt Prize for Visual Arts; the Epoch Optima Prize for Further Studies Mathematics, and the Nedbank Proxime Accessit for SECOND IN FORM	D Brunkhorst
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Geography and Life Orientation, the joint Prize for Information Technology, the 1880 High School Memorial Prize and the Levinsohn Trophy for the DUX OF MARITZBURG COLLEGE	Michael Brunkhorst

Prize-giving

Prize-giving took place on Thursday, 22 January 2026 and celebrated the academic achievements of College boys during the 2025 year. The guest of honour was Mr Joss Myers, Head Prefect 1998, Managing Director of Barrows Africa.



The guest speaker Mr Joss Myers (L) with Mrs J Finnie, Senior Deputy Head, and Headmaster, Mr A Redfern (R).

Address by the Headmaster, Mr A Redfern

Good evening boys, parents, members of staff, distinguished guests, fellow Principals and friends of College. A very warm welcome to you all, particularly our guest of honour, Mr Myers. Joss, we are grateful to you and your family for being with us this evening and for lending your presence to what is one of the most important events on our academic calendar.

Tonight is a significant occasion in the life of Maritzburg College. It is a time when we pause, reflect and publicly acknowledge academic achievement. It is also an opportunity to recognise the sustained hard work, discipline and intellectual commitment of our pupils, and the professionalism, dedication and care of our teaching staff.

I would like to begin by paying tribute to Mrs Finnie, our academic Heads of Department and our academic team. The results we celebrate this evening are not accidental. They are the product of expert teaching, careful planning, high expectations and countless hours of unseen work. I am grateful for the professionalism of our staff and for the way in which they model the very values we seek to instil in our boys: integrity, diligence, resilience and a commitment to excellence.

We also pause to acknowledge the outstanding academic performance of the Class of 2025. Their results were excellent across all levels, reflecting both depth and breadth of achievement. Matric results matter. They are not the sole measure of a young person's worth, but they are undeniably important. They are a key that opens doors to further study, to opportunity and to future choice. What lies beyond those doors will differ for each boy, but the ability to unlock them depends, in large measure, on academic effort and performance over time. These achievements are not the result of just one year's work but are the culmination of five years of hard work through consistently reaching certain predetermined academic milestones. I congratulate the Class of 2025, these young men have represented College with distinction, and they leave behind a strong academic legacy.

Today we celebrate some of the milestones that have been reached by our pupils in their pursuit of the final goal. At Maritzburg College, excellence is never a destination, it is a standard. Thus, even as we celebrate success, we remain firmly focused on improvement. Our aim must always be to get better, to stretch ourselves intellectually, to refine our methods, and to raise our expectations.

We are rightly proud of the holistic education offered at this school. Maritzburg College has long believed in developing the whole person,

academically, culturally, physically and morally. Yet it is important to state clearly and without apology: the cornerstone of what we do is academics. Intellectual growth sits at the heart of our educational mission.

In a world that is increasingly complex, fast-changing and uncertain, our responsibility is not merely to transmit information. It is to develop analytical and critical thinkers, young men who can question, evaluate, reason and solve problems. Employers and universities do not simply seek knowledge, they seek the capacity to think clearly, to adapt and to make sound judgments.

The well-known quote attributed to Albert Einstein: 'Education is not the learning of facts, but the training of the mind to think' resonates strongly with what we strive to do at College. We want our boys to leave us not only well-qualified, but well-equipped, intellectually curious, mentally resilient, and confident in their ability to engage with challenges.

This evening, we also affirm the importance of appropriate recognition. Academic excellence deserves to be acknowledged and celebrated. The young men receiving prizes tonight have demonstrated sustained commitment to their studies. They have shown discipline when it would have been easier to disengage, and perseverance when the work became demanding. It is important that our boys understand this: academic achievement is not the result of last-minute effort or short bursts of intensity. It is built through consistent hard work over a long period of time. It requires planning, goal-setting and purposeful engagement with one's studies.

Allow me to share a brief anecdote. Last year when I attended an OC veterans' function in Howick, I was privileged to engage with a retired OC who had achieved significant professional success. He mentioned what it was that he believed had made the difference in his career. What he said was simple, 'At College, I learned how to work every day, whether I felt like it or not.' That habit, formed early and reinforced consistently, stayed with him long after the content of individual subjects had faded. That is the real value of academic discipline. It shapes habits of mind and patterns of behaviour that endure well beyond the school years.

Our boys are not expected to achieve this alone. A great strength of this school is the depth of support available, subject teachers, tutors, mentors, academic extension and support programmes, and structured guidance. Making appropriate use of that support is not a sign of weakness, it is a mark of maturity and wisdom and as Mrs Finnie mentioned in her academic assembly on Monday, it is no coincidence that many of the boys who

excelled in their final matric examinations had not missed a single academic support class and they also met all of their other school commitments.

Those who succeed academically are often those who ask for help early, who seek feedback, and who are prepared to adjust their approach when necessary. Purposeful learners take responsibility for their progress and understand that growth comes through engagement, not avoidance.

To the prize winners this evening: you have set a standard. You have demonstrated what is possible through effort, organisation and commitment. You should be proud of what you have achieved, and we are proud of you.

To the boys who may not be receiving awards tonight: let this occasion serve not as discouragement, but as motivation. Academic success is not reserved for a select few. It is accessible to those who are prepared to work consistently, to plan carefully, and to persevere. In other words, ALL of you.

In closing, let me return to some of the unwritten values of Maritzburg College. We prize excellence, not arrogance; ambition, not entitlement; and effort, not excuse-making. Academic achievement, at its best, reflects character as much as intellect.

Thank you to our parents for your partnership and support, to our staff for your unwavering commitment, and to our boys for your willingness to strive.

I wish all our prize winners my sincere congratulations, and I encourage every College boy to continue pursuing excellence, thoughtfully, purposefully, and with integrity.

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Address by the Guest of Honour, Mr Joss Myers

Good evening, Mr and Mrs Redfern, invited guests, staff, parents, Old Boys, including the Chairman, Mr Jon Hoatson, and of course, the College boys. It is a pleasure to be here.

Returning to College has been energising. Walking around the school with Mr Bechet reminded me how much of this place remains unchanged in spirit. His enthusiasm is still unmistakable, even if grand fatherhood has softened him slightly. It is wonderful to see Mr La Marque again and to recall those legendary water polo tours during which he led us to national success, much to the discomfort of the traditionally dominant coastal schools. And then there is Mr Kyle, once politely asking me to do tasks, now a Deputy Headmaster, yet still the same mix of warmth and toughness. Seeing Mr Barbour again brought back memories of him as one of my fags, endlessly preparing toast and Nesquik, and now he is shaping Nathan House in exactly the way you would expect from someone of his character. To Mr and Mrs Redfern, everything I've heard about your leadership at College and Epworth has been exceptional. This school deserves strong leaders, and it is clear it has them.

Allow me to share how College shaped my journey and perhaps offer a few lessons along the way. I arrived at Maritzburg College in 1994, a year of transformation for South Africa and, as it turned out, a transformative one for me personally. I entered Nathan House as a somewhat soft, Durban-raised mommy's boy, and the Merchiston boarders quickly showed us who really ran the place. Each time I returned home, I was becoming a little more independent, disciplined, appreciative and ambitious. The Red, Black and White was beginning to take hold. That is when I began becoming a College boy.

To the new Second Form boarders, I know these early weeks can be tough, especially being away from home, but persevere. Nothing meaningful comes easily, and the friendships you are building now will last your entire life. My closest friend today is still the boy who shared those early days with me.

When I was unexpectedly named Head Prefect at the end of Fifth Form, I was stunned. I was not the top academic, I wasn't captain of the 1st XV, and I wasn't a 'main ou'. What I did have was enthusiasm. I loved this school deeply, and I put everything I had into it. The truth is simple, what you pour into College is what you will carry out of it. Those five years, along with the strength of the College network, have shaped my entire adult life.

A College Old Boy, Matt Botha, helped me secure my first job, selling beer for SAB, which sounded like a dream. What I discovered very quickly was

that every job, including selling beer, comes with its challenges. My territory included the harbour, Chatsworth, the Bluff and Umlazi, a remarkable cross-section of South African society. I realised then how profoundly my time at College had prepared me for navigating different cultures and communities. As someone once told me, a College boy can drink with the deckhand and dine with the captain.

Eighteen years ago, I joined Barrows, the global retail design and technology company where I still work today. We partner with major brands, Coca-Cola, Google, Red Bull, Corona, and I've had the privilege of helping to expand the business into London, Brazil, the United States and Asia, before eventually returning home out of sheer longing for South Africa.

People often ask why a South African company like ours has succeeded globally. My answer always links back to principles I first learned at College:

- A strong team culture. We operate like a wolfpack, no one walks into a meeting alone, and no one has an office. Collaboration is central. College nurtures the same brotherhood, one jersey, blacked-out polished boots, one team.
- Attitude above aptitude. Skills can be taught, passion, work ethic and optimism cannot. AI will never replace those qualities.
- Respect over hierarchy. Titles don't earn respect, behaviour does. At Barrows, we don't use titles at all.
- Roll-up-your-sleeves work ethic. Literally. It signals commitment and shared effort.
- Self-starters. Innovation requires initiative, and College instils this early. You are supported, but not spoonfed.

Only later in life do you fully appreciate the value of five years at this school. Now, at age 45, I feel as though I am at half-time, a moment to reflect, re-evaluate and reset, much like the Springboks in their famous 2019 semi-final turnaround. But you boys are standing in the tunnel, about to run onto the field. You can feel the energy, hear the chants, sense the brotherhood around you. You are wearing the College jersey, united by something deep, lasting and powerful.

So, when you step onto the field, of school or of life, run with intent. Run with pride. And when you glide past your opponents with confidence, give them a little smile. They will soon understand why – you are College boys.



D Moyo – 1st in Second Form



K Mkhwane – 1st in Third Form



S Bandu – 1st in Fourth Form



D Pillay – 1st in Fifth Form

PRIZE WINNERS

for the 2025 Acadmic year

Academic Progress Prizes

Third Form	RPM Gowar
Fourth Form	MI Nkwatsi
Fifth Form	NA Curry

SECOND FORM

Merit certificates

KG Baldavoo, K Beharie, L Bernard, S Browning, CR Emerson, LE Grantham, A Jooma, MR Kader, JD Keppler, JM Kruger, LJ Molise, MD Mpanza, KB Ndumo, LLL Ntomo, L Ntozakhe, M Nzama, IA Potgieter, MV Puddu, ML Soji, QH St John-Ward, J van der Merwe	Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	Y Moodley
	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Economic Management Sciences and English	WK Ojwach
	Merit Certificate and the Prizes for Mathematics and Natural Sciences	AR Molla

Subject prizes

Prize for Afrikaans	C Stubbe	Merit Certificate, and the Prize for Third in Second Form	B Abraham
Prize for isiZulu	TS Gwala	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Second in Second Form	W Mbongwa
		Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Life Orientation, Social Sciences, Technology and the Prize for First in Second Form	D Moyo

THIRD FORM

Merit certificates

D Arouca, AS Bagirathi, LD Borchers, MD Clark, KBM Dlamini, Sinazo Khumalo, JA Luridsamy, NQM Luvuno, QL Madlala, M Makhado, NS Mthabela, Y Singh, JD Sparrow, TJ Stone, H Storm, MR van der Merwe, SJ Watson, SC Wessels	Merit Certificate and the KickstART Prize for Creative Arts	C Frank
	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation	AM Linde
	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Economic Management Sciences and the Prize for Third in Third Form	T Addison

Subject Prizes

Prize for Afrikaans	J Badenhorst	Merit Certificate, the Prize for Mathematics, and the Prize for Second in Third Form	SA Gumbi
Merit Certificate and the Prize for English	JAS Smith	Merit Certificate, Prizes for Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Technology, and the Prize for First in Third Form	KS Mkhwane
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu	SAZI Khumalo		

FOURTH FORM

Merit certificates

R Badenhorst, Y Budhu, OK Gengan, EO Gould, Y Hoolasi, E Hunter-Smith, WP Khumalo, DT Lewis, IA Mahomed, NJ Mathapershad, CJ Mullen, JAJ Pembbridge, LJ Puddu, S Raju, HJ Reitz, EC Woodroffe	Merit Certificate, Prizes for Afrikaans; Dramatic Arts and Life Sciences	MT Venter
	Merit Certificate and the Prize for Third in Fourth Form	JJ Baptista
	Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Engineering Graphics and Design, Information Technology, Mathematics and the Prize for Second in Fourth Form	R Madhan

Subject Prizes

Prize for Geography	DC Scholtz		
Prize for Mathematical Literacy	DJ Bornman		
KickstART Prize for Visual Arts	LC Govender		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences	SO Mtetwa		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Computer Applications Technology	A Ramlall		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for History	D Dry		
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Music	A Hampshire		
Merit Certificate, Prizes for Business Studies and isiZulu	AE Hlongwa		
		Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Accounting, Economics, English, Further Studies Mathematics, Life Orientation, Physical Science and the Prize for First in Fourth Form	S Bandu

PRIZE-GIVING

FIFTH FORM

Merit certificates

M Askham, B Cook, A Dladla, DS du Toit, SK Hlophe, ML Kader, IM Lindeque, K Moodley, M Mtambo, A Naidoo, SZ Ngcobo, CJ Pillay, VY Ramdeen, OB Samuel, T Sivenarain, BA Zuma

Subject prizes

Prize for Afrikaans B Barnard
Prize for Computer Applications Technology CJ Francis
Prize for Mathematical Literacy JE Nettleton
Prize for Music PL Desebrook
KickstART Prize for Visual Arts A Thembela
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Agricultural Sciences SA Venniker
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Business Studies SA Mohamed
Merit Certificate and the Prize for History LR Becket

Merit Certificate and the Prize for Information Technology DG Gademan
Merit Certificate and the Prize for isiZulu SB Simamane
Merit Certificate and the Prize for Life Orientation BC Sing
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Dramatic Arts and English MM Msimango
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Geography, Life Sciences, and the Prize for Third in Fifth Form CE Wilson
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Engineering Graphics and Design, Further Studies Mathematics, Mathematics, and the Prize for Second in Fifth Form SB Wiggill
Merit Certificate, the Prizes for Accounting, Economics, Physical Science and the Prize for First in Fifth Form D Pillay



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Lapel Badge:

Afrikaans Society:	TJ Boshoff
Art Club:	CD Ender, AA Khumalo, FN Kunene, EM Mitewu, LJ Mshudulu, NY Thusi, SB Wiggill
Choir:	L Dlamini, SN Dlamini, N Moyo, MM Msimango, MN Myaka, SS Shabalala, EK Sobwe, LC Wassink, SM Zondi
College for Christ:	L Shangase, LC Wassink, C Zondi
Debating:	PL Desebrook, J Padayachee
Ensemble:	LS Lewis, MM Msimango, RD van Rensburg
Hindu Society	S Maharaj, A Naidoo, TC Naidoo, M Singh, S Subreenduth
Marketing:	AB Hadebe, FN Kunene, ZM Mabunda, LL Mavimbela, L Nkabane, BI Pepu, EW van der Merwe, A Zuma
Muslim Students’ Association:	A Akoonjee, U Hoosen, R Khan, F Moula
Nguni Society:	ZM Hulane, KE Madlala, TS Maduna, SA Mkhulisa, TK Sehlako, SS Shabalala, SL Xaba, MV Zulu
Photography:	EW van der Merwe, C Zondi
Rugby Referees:	AD van Wyk
Service to Basketball:	ML Askham, N Dlamini, T Lekhobo, LA Mukorera
Tech Squad:	AA Mkhize

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Athletics:	LJ Baptista, PA Louwrens
Basketball:	ML Askham, N Dlamini, T Lekhobo, TK Sehlako
Canoeing:	NA Curry
Chess:	TW Ambler, BD Jean-Louis, TC Naidoo, VY Ramdeen
Cricket:	E Bester, AR Bharath, JM Currie, K de Bruyn, DS du Toit, T van Niekerk
Cross-country:	K Searle
Cycling:	GLR Jordan, A Naidoo, C Wood
Golf:	MJ Kauffman, D Naidoo, A Sewparsad
Hockey:	KH Botha, RM van der Vliet
Rugby:	AS Cahill, DS Colenbrander, DS du Toit, AB Hadebe, E Mabanga, LN Mabanga, N Mkize, C Mountfort, MA Pretorius, CJ Scheepers, JB Smit, JJ Thackwray, L Tsoko
Shooting:	DT Moodley
Soccer:	NO Ngcemu
Squash:	CT Hurson
Swimming:	ML Chetty, CA Sweetnam
Tennis:	KAN Dube
Volleyball:	MD Murekezi, D Pillay, PJ Shuttleworth, K Singh
Water polo:	HD Goddard, OD Pritchard, R Stanton, JM van der Merwe, SA Venniker

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Academics:	TW Ambler, ML Askham, BC Cook, DS du Toit, SV Gwala, ET Hamadziripi, R Khan, J Maharaj, K Moodley, MM Msimango, T Nana, D Pillay, VY Ramdeen, K Singh, S Subreenduth, GN Thomson, SB Wiggill, CE Wilson
Athletics:	CTB Gould, CJ Scheepers, L Shangase
Basketball:	C Siyongwana
Choir:	BN Hlophe, ML Mfusi, NU Mntungwa, LQB Ngubane, MMP Shabalala, C Zondi
Cycling:	BJ Fourie
Drama:	L Luthuli, LQB Ngubane, LC Wassink
Ensemble:	DS Colenbrander, JT Drimie, SK Mkhize, SM Redlinghuys
First Aid:	RW de Beer, MM Nyoka
Golf:	CJ Nelson
Gospel Choir:	BN Hlophe
Hockey:	HR Hackland, CT Le Court De Billot, AT Mthlane, M Smith
Marketing:	TL Chikowero, DB Davies, T Lekhobo, MM Maphanga, ST Mazibuko, HL Mdabe, NU Mntungwa, R Motshoane, N Moyo, S Ngobese, O Ntombela, C Zondi
Rugby:	IL Mlotshwa
Service to Basketball:	MS Manyathi, O Ntombela
Soccer:	S Dzanibe, A Makhaye, TT Myeni, B Parak, SM Sibiya, W Zondi
Sound & Light:	CA Khumalo, LA Mabande, SM Mbatha, EM Mpapa, JE Nettleton
Squash:	AW Humphries, J Maistry
Swimming:	JM van der Merwe
TechSquad:	LG Khumalo, A Mkhize, T Murugen, M Naidoo, TD Naidoo, M Singh

Colours and Scarf:

Academics:	A Beni, LN Bhengu, KJ Ekstrand, M Naidoo, R van der Merwe, CPJ van Heerden
Athletics:	BZ Mhlongo
Basketball:	LZ Tukayi, MA Zakwe
Canoeing:	J Jansen van Rensburg, LD O’Connor
Chess:	S Maharaj, R Motshoane
Choir:	L Luthuli, BI Pepu, I Zwane
Debating:	DG Gademan, JD Moneyvalu, L Naicker
Drama:	L Dlamini, MM Msimango, I Zwane
Ensemble:	SN Dlamini, EM Mitewu, NU Mntungwa
Gospel Choir:	SS Mchunu, I Zwane
Hockey:	GA Askew, E Fabre, CJ Francis, RM Schirge
Rugby:	TJ Boshoff, O Kosani, R Stanton
Squash:	KH Pillay, V Premchund
Water polo:	MR Lock, KH Vogt

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Academics:	A Akoonjee, D Brunkhorst, M Brunkhorst, S Durgaparsad, CS Gibbs, CTB Gould, K Govender, MW Greeff, BN Hlophe, HM Maluleke, EJ McAllister, A Mkhize, JD Moneyvalu, CM Mundell, DC Naidoo, S Naidoo, NRK Pembbridge, BI Pepu, KS Phungula, AD Taylor, NY Thusi
Athletics:	B Andrews, TJ Boshoff, CA Sweetnam
Basketball:	CN Fynn, NB Ngcobo, NA Ngobese
Canoeing:	JS Gotte, SA Venniker, KH Vogt

Cricket:	S Dzanibe, SJ Hughes, RG Willson
Cycling:	D Janneker, K Searle
Debating:	A Mhlanzi, K Moodley
First Aid:	SN Khumalo, F Moula, C Zondi
Hockey:	L Fitz, A Lembethe, VU Ndlovu, S Sithembu
Rugby:	CM Cherayi, AU Ngubane, MS Vyambwera
Shooting:	M Naidoo, N Naidoo
Squash:	TJ Kufal, T Nana
Swimming:	CB Potgieter
Table tennis:	TS Royappen

HEADMASTERS' CLOSED SCHOLARSHIPS

The following Grade 7 boys were awarded a Headmasters' Closed Scholarship to attend Maritzburg College from 2026:

Z Greaves	Cordwalles
S Ash	Richard Neave Closed Scholarship (DPHS)
L Hogarty	Howick Prep School
J Johnson	Laddsworth Primary School
J Royston	David Beetar Closed Scholarship (Merchiston)
C Kloka	Louis Botha Closed Scholarship (Pelham)
U Mzila and Z Dladla	Scottsville Primary School
J Wang	Umhlali Preparatory School



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PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2025					
Senior Prefects		Prefects			
Head Prefect	AB Hadebe	GA Askew	ET Hamadziripi	DC Nadasan	MS Qasha
		AK Bhengu	VJ Kasambala	D Naidoo	L Shangase
Senior Deputy Head Prefect	CM Cherayi	MR Borchers	LG Khumalo	OM Nala	S Sithembu
Deputy Head Prefect	E Bester	DJ Cruickshank	NP Koller	NRK Pembridge	JJ Thackwray
Deputy Head Prefect	JC Steyn	MW Gwala	N Mkize	BI Pepu	AC Tilbury
Barns House		Fuller House		Snow House	
House Captain	J Thackwray	House Captain	L Shangase	House Captain	AB Hadebe
Vice-captain	LN Bhengu	Vice-captain	CTB Gould	Vice-captain	RDM Anderson
House Leaders		House Leaders		House Leaders	
CM Mundell, CJ Sukraj, JM Currie, TM Foster		LJ Baptista, A Beni, JL Combrink, HC Modi, RM van der Vliet		F Thabethe, WJ Trodd, ND Westerdale, L Nkabane, ZR Moses	
Calder House		Lamond House		Strachan House	
House Captain	C Zondi	House Captain	EJ McAllister	House Captain	JJ Fincham
Vice-captain	E Bester	Vice-captain	VJ Kasambala	Vice-captain	JC Steyn
House Leaders		House Leaders		House Leaders	
AB Barnes, AM Khumalo, TS Pillay, JL Tilbury, R Venter		KH Botha, BL Demont, KJ Ekstrand, MS Lancaster, NU Mntungwa		JC Harris, WG Strachan, OA Radebe, ST Mazibuko, V Premchund	
Commons House		Nicholson House			
House Captain	MR Borchers	House Captain	CM Cherayi		
Vice-captain	ST Danisa	Vice-captain	JO Odell		
House Leaders		House Leaders			
L Luthuli, R van der Merwe, SM Redlinghuys, MJ Kauffman, JD Moneyvalu		CS Gibbs, SJ Hughes, KR Jenkins, PA Louwrens, DT Moodley			
Forder House		Pape House			
House captain	R Boshoff	House Captain	MS Qasha		
Vice-captain	GA Askew	Vice-captain	MU Canham		
House Leaders		House Leaders			
BJ Botha, O Ntombela, Z Nkosi, LC Wassink		JF Harley, TJ Kufal, MM Maphanga, ML Mfusi, DC Naidoo			

Sport Captains		Cultural Leaders		Shouting Captains	
Athletics	L Shangase	Afrikaans Society	E Bester	NP Koller, S Mazibuko, MS Qasha	
Basketball	NB Ngcobo	Art Club	EM Mitewu	Heads of Boarding Houses	
Canoeing	JO Odell	Camera Club	C Zondi	Clark House	E Bester
Chess	DC Naidoo	College Choir	L Luthuli	Elliott House	EUA Dlamini
Cricknet	DC Nadasan	College Cues - Drama	C Zondi	Hudson House	CM Cherayi
Cross-country	EJ McAllister	Debating	K Moodley	Nathan House	MR Borchers
Cycling	K Searle	Enviro Club	M Naidoo	Shepstone House	JC Steyn
Esports	LC Wassink	Gospel Choir	SS Mchunu	Boarder Prefects	
First Aid	F Moula	Hindu Society	M Singh	CM Mundell, PA Louwrens, JO Odell, AB Barnes, R Boshoff	
Golf	FC Pillay	Interact	P Mncwabe		
Hockey	EUA Dlamini	Jazz Band	EM Mitewu		
Rugby	MS Vyambwera	Marketing	HL Mdabe		
Shooting	M Naidoo	MC Ink	A Mkhize		
Soccer	CJ Sukraj	Media Centre Monitors	A Akoonjee		
Squash	TJ Kufal	Muslim Students' Assoc.	A Akoonjee		
Swimming	PR Lamb	Nguni Society	BI Pepu		
Table tennis	SM Redlinghuys	Sound & Lighting	VJ Kasambala		
Tennis	AC Tilbury	Speakers' Circle	ET Hamadziripi		
Volleyball	D Naidoo	Tech Squad	C Zondi		
Water polo	NP Koller	RCL	JC Steyn		

Leadership

College underwent massive changes in its leadership structure during the year. This certainly had an impact on the College community, but our resilient College boys rose above the challenges and soldiered on. Our young leaders tried their best to steer and guide the boys in their care and they must be given credit for all they achieved under difficult circumstances.

Our young Borvers were welcomed to the College brotherhood by taking part in the traditional orientation camp held at Tala Game Reserve under the watchful eye of Spirit of Adventure. Thankfully, the weather was far better than the previous year and all the boys managed to stay warm and dry.

The early morning saw the young Borvers take on the Boys to Men course. A gruelling course designed, in a very controlled manner, to put our Borvers through a shared hardship, and form bonds within their House group.

Our future young leaders, the Fifth Formers, are granted one last opportunity to prove their mettle by attending the Survivor Camp held on the banks of the Umkomaas River at the Nkwazi Lodge. The boys' resolve is tested by them building their own shelters, setting up their own camp and taking part in various activities along the riverbank.

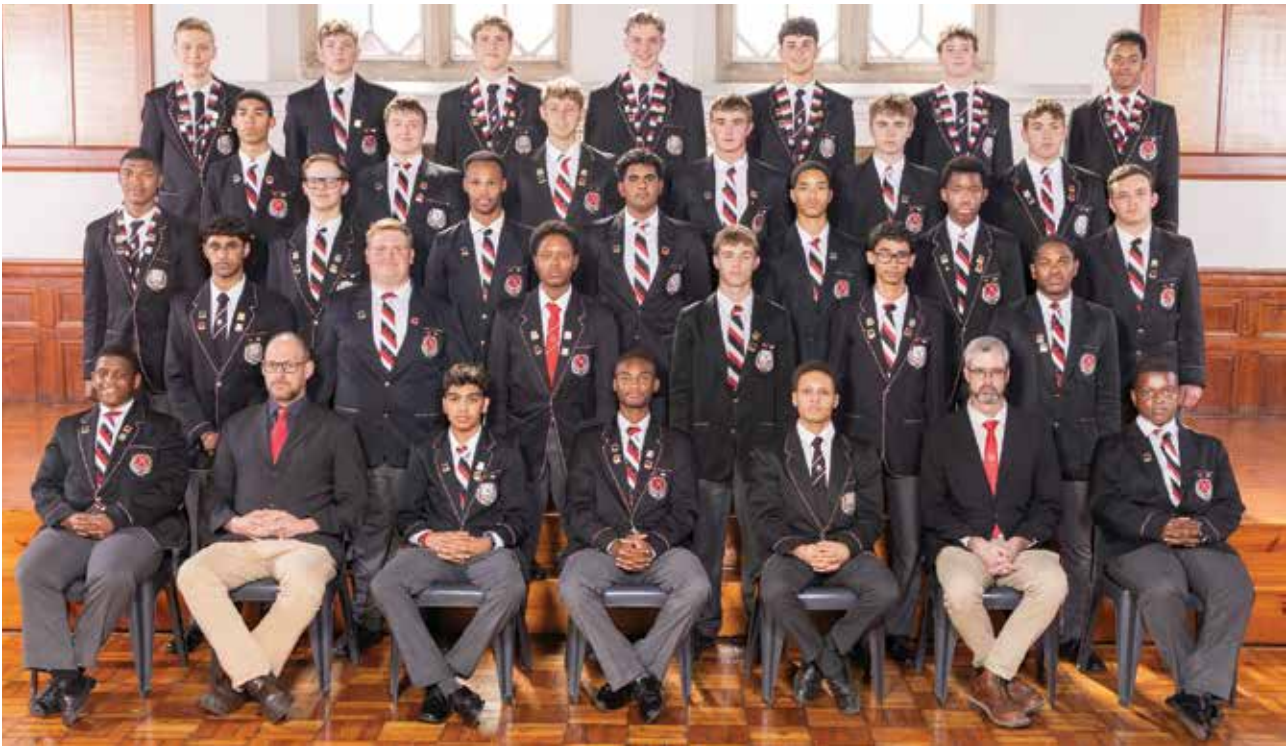
Our Second Formers enjoyed learning more about themselves and their peers while participating in the fun activities Spirit of Adventure have to offer at their Shongweni Dam base camp. Pushing their own limits and helping their peers push through hardships, bonds our young men and builds in

them leadership skills that will stand them in good stead throughout their College journey and beyond.

The Third Form boys spend many hours in their House groups walking the Roseland Farm and surrounds. The boys learn about servant leadership and get to see how those less fortunate than themselves live and learn. It is critical that our young men learn from an early age that with the privilege of coming to College comes the responsibility of helping others who are less fortunate than them.

A favourite hike among many of our staff, the Fourth Form hike into the foothills of the Drakensberg in the Cobham Reserve, takes our young men into some of the most picturesque valleys in the province. Waking up with the Giant's Cup behind you is truly a breath-taking experience. Many schools, including primary schools, take their pupils onto the escarpment. We feel that the risks involved in getting our 220 plus boys up to the top is just not worth the reward, and to ensure the safety of our young men we remain in the foothills. The Spirit of Adventure team have all the necessary safety precautions in place to help us enjoy our time, enduring discomfort and pushing our own boundaries. This year's hike saw us struggle slightly with the adverse weather conditions, but thanks to the preparedness of the Spirit of Adventure team, all our boys were taken care of and were loaned any equipment they may have needed to ensure they enjoyed their time in the mountains.

Mr J Tyler



Day House Leaders

Back row: C Gould, K Botha, T Kufal, C Mundell, M Lancaster, E McAllister, N Mntungwa
Fourth row: Z Moses, L Baptista, J Odell, B Demont, J Tilbury, R van der Merve
Third row: C Zondi, L Wassink, B Botha, D Moodley, R Armoed, S Mazibuko, R Boshoff
Second row: T Pillay, R Anderson, L Luthuli, R van der Vliet, S Redlinghuys, O Radebe
Front row: L Bhengu, Mr J Tyler, V Premchund, M Mfusi, K Jenkins, Mr A Sparrow, S Danisa
Absent: Z Nkosi, J Fincham, J Harris, W Strachan, C Sukraj, K Ekstrand, A Barnes (changed to Khwela), J Currie, A Khumalo, M Kauffman, R Venter, C Gibbs, P Louwrens, S Hughes, T Foster, M Canham, J Harley, M Maphanga, DC Naidoo, J Moneyvalu, O Ntombela, H Modi, J Combrink, A Beni, F Thabethe, W Trodd, N Westerdale, L Nkabane



Prefects

Back row B Pepu, O Nala, J Thackwray, M Qasha, G Askew, A Tilbury, D Nadasan
Third row: L Khumalo, N Koller, M Borchers, N Pembroke, D Naidoo, D Cruickshank
Second row: M Gwala, E Hamadziripi, A Bhengu, V Kasambala, S Sithembu, N Mkize, L Shangase
Front row: Mr O Kajee, J Steyn, Mr A Redfern, A Hadebe, C Cherayi, Mr A Sparrow, E Bester, Mr J Tyler

From Borver Week to Basher Ridge, team-testing to tuckshop duty, portfolios to prefects study, duty rosters to daily updates, servant leadership to sporting commitments, Monday morning teas to mocktail manias.

I view leadership through the chef metaphor. A chef is someone who has a bunch of raw ingredients that they need to put together. Cooking is a bit of an art at times as you need to know how much of each ingredient to throw in, which flavours to use and how to serve the dish once prepared.

Similarly, the 2025 year began with the prefects attending rigorous training, getting advice from the College community and drawing on past experiences. The prefect body had their goals in mind as they began the year. They started with a steely determination and a positive approach. The journey took them through rocky shores and uncharted waters, rode the waves with grit even though their energy levels diminished over time. They blended all their techniques, put their own sauce on certain tried and tested recipes and presented a close to perfect dish. Well done!

Based on the new traditions and privileges document introduced and a welcome change to many aspects deemed not noble, the challenge was on for them to embrace these developments and still leave a legacy. A task not for the faint-hearted.

Term one started as the prefects welcomed the Second Formers to our College community. They looked up to the prefects in awe as they showed them their new home. It was the first of many things, team-testing,

compulsories, duties and the many other commitments. The prefect group started well and set the scene for the year. The conclusion of the term was marked by widespread physical exhaustion, reflecting the significant collective effort exerted.

Term two arrived with a flurry of activities during the winter season, June examinations were on the horizon, and the balancing of daily tasks was the order of the day. Compulsories match attendance started, and the prefects performed admirably on the rugby and hockey fields. Our brothers were welcomed back for Reunion, greeted by a stunning blazer display. The results might not have been favourable on Goldstones or Papes, but we certainly won the hearts of many across the country with our energetic claps and innovative war-cries. A sight to behold for one and all!

Term three began at a frenetic pace as the prefect group enjoyed the last exchanges as a College boy and welcomed Mr Redfern to the helm. The prefects then packed away their boots and brought in books as trials loomed. It was the last team test, the last quad duty and the final address to the school. The acting prefects were announced, and the 2025 tenure began to draw to a slow conclusion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire prefect body for their tireless efforts and unwavering support to the various activities, duties and ceremonies of which they were a part. Their display of servant leadership is sincerely acknowledged and appreciated.

Mr O Kajee



Representative Council of Learners

Back row: C Markham, F Kunene, O Zwane, N Naidoo, L Hadebe
Fourth row: L Cooke-Tonnesen, R Francis, L Phakathi, W Badenhorst, M Carbutt, B Mnguni
Third row: C Tyler, L Ntomo, B Abraham, S Mazibuko, B James, S Wessels, K Bukus
Second row: A Dladla, L Shelembe, A Lembethe, K Phungula, H Mdabe, G Mnyaiza
Front row: L Bhengu, V Kasambala, Mr J Tyler, J Steyn, Mr A Sparrow, B Pepu, C Zondi
Absent: L Mseleku, U Hoosen, M Kauffman, T Seach, S Msimango, T Murugen, N Curry, R Sheikh, M Manana, L Mabanga, T Qhobosheane, S Shabalala, T Bolton, D Lewis, M Hadebe, R Madhan, S Makhanya, L Mhlaba, A Ngcobo, Z Apostolides, J Luridsamy, D Swanepoel, Z Vava, S Buthelezi

The RCL in any school plays a critical role in ensuring that the school and boys are appropriately supported, and in 2025 our RCL did exactly that. Led by the chairman, J Steyn, who was ably assisted by his vice-chairman, B Pepu, and secretary V Kasambala, our boys took to heart the fact that they represent all the boys of College.

Each week the boys would meet to discuss issues that the boys of College wanted raised. On the RCL all boys are equal. This means that whether a boy is in Second Form or in Sixth Form, in the RCL meetings their voices carry equal weight.

The RCL also had representation on the School Governing Body. Steyn, C Zondi and A Lembethe all sat in on many SGB meetings to ensure that the boys of College had someone there to represent for them. By all accounts our boys were outstanding, not only in their manners and general behaviour, but also in how they raised and addressed issues with maturity and respect.

We thank each member of the 2025 RCL and wish them all the best for the remainder of their College journey.

Mr J Tyler

SUBJECT DEPARTMENTS

Accounting

This year has been one of consolidation, focused growth and renewed enthusiasm across the Accounting Department.

Building on the developments of the past two years, 2025 centred on reinforcing curriculum consistency and strengthening fundamental accounting concepts across all grades. The department worked collectively to refine teaching strategies, ensuring clearer progression from Grade 10 through to Grade 12. These efforts have contributed to greater confidence among pupils and a more structured approach to assessment preparation.

A highlight of the year has been the exceptional uptake of Accounting in Grade 10. The 2025 cohort entered with enthusiasm, curiosity and a commendable level of engagement. Their participation has enriched classroom dynamics and reaffirmed the importance of early exposure to sound financial literacy principles. The increased numbers reflect a growing recognition among pupils of the relevance and value of Accounting, both as a school subject and a future career path.

While challenges from previous curricular shifts continue to be addressed, this year saw continued improvement in bridging conceptual gaps identified in earlier grades. The department's commitment to early intervention, collaborative planning and consistent reinforcement has helped to stabilise results and has fostered a more positive academic trajectory. Students have shown increased resilience and adaptability, and staff efforts in supporting these developments remain commendable.

Now in my third year as head of the Accounting Department, I remain grateful for the dedication, professionalism and shared purpose within the team. This year was marked by strong collaboration, alignment of teaching practice, and ongoing reflection to refine our approaches. The collective commitment to excellence continues to strengthen the department's direction and outcomes.

As we move towards 2026, the department aims to further enhance teaching methodologies, promote consistent academic rigour and sustain the energy brought in by our expanding Grade 10 group. Our focus will remain on developing critical thinking, fostering deep conceptual understanding and preparing our Grade 12 students for outstanding final results.

We are extremely proud of our Sixth Form class, who achieved very pleasing results in 2025. Their dedication, consistent work ethic and commitment to excellence have been reflected in their outstanding achievements, with eight of our boys achieving A symbols. A special mention must be made of C Mundell, who achieved first place in the district for Accounting, an exceptional accomplishment that reflects both hard work and academic excellence. We wish all our Sixth Form students continued success and every achievement as they move forward into the future.

In closing, I thank Mr Budhoo for his unwavering dedication and the boys for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year. Together, we continue to build a strong and dynamic department positioned for continued success in the years ahead.

Ms L Campher

Afrikaans

The Afrikaans Department is an enthusiastic and committed team with several highly experienced teachers whose guidance and mentorship have positively influenced the younger members of the department. Their collective expertise ensures continued growth, professional confidence and a shared dedication to excellence in teaching.

This has been another busy yet rewarding year. The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was written in May and an impressive 54 pupils entered, the highest number of entries in many years. A special mention must be made of the following senior pupils who excelled and competed against more than 2,000 candidates nationally: Fourth Form - R Badenhorst (85%), M Venter (83%), D Dry (81%); Fifth Form - I Lindeque (85%), L Dryer (82%) and L Fitz (81%); Sixth Form – J Moneyvalu (78%), J Steyn (76%) and H Maluleke (74%). The Olympiad remains an important annual event on our calendar, and we are proud of all our boys who participated and achieved certificates.

The annual exchange with Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool (Affies) once again brought great excitement. The Afrikaans Department thoroughly prepared the boys for their stay with Afrikaans host families in Pretoria. Lessons focused on practical Afrikaans self-introduction, conversational skills for communicating with their hosts and their sons, as well as cultural etiquette expected in Afrikaans households.

In September, renowned writer Dr Gcina Mhlophe addressed the boys, captivating them with her powerful storytelling. Afrikaans pupils in Fourth Form completed various projects based on her address, guided by their class teachers. Mrs Breedt's group produced an exceptional presentation which was selected by the Marketing Department for use in the school's National Heritage Day celebrations. Their project highlighted cultural diversity through a short video featuring an Afrikaans-speaking African boy, a Zulu-speaking white boy and an English-speaking Indian boy. The video concluded with the boys throwing their bashers into the air – a powerful visual interpretation of Dr Mhlophe's symbolic phrase, 'fly, hat, fly,' representing the letting go of prejudice and the embracing of mutual understanding.

In August, one student from each Sixth Form class was selected to represent Maritzburg College at the district's external oral moderation, proudly hosted on our campus. Our young men, E Bester, J Maharaj, M Lancaster, J Shuttleworth, S Deane and D Barrett did us proud as impeccably turned out and gracious hosts.

At the 2025 Speech Day, S Naidoo was awarded the prize as the top achiever in Afrikaans. B Barnard claimed the Fifth Form prize and M Venter the Fourth Form prize. We congratulate these senior pupils on their outstanding achievements.

The 2025 National Senior Certificate final examinations were of a high standard, and particularly challenging for second-language candidates in KwaZulu-Natal. We are proud of the 18 pupils who achieved A symbols. The top three candidates were S Naidoo (90%), H Maluleka and E Bester. We congratulate all pupils for their dedication and sincerely thank the Afrikaans teachers for their unwavering commitment to completing the syllabus and supporting pupils throughout the year.

The Department bid farewell to Mrs Bronwen Mantle and Mrs Heidi Breedt at the end of 2025. Mrs Mantle has returned to St Anne's School, and we will greatly miss her experience, professionalism and her invaluable contribution to the Afrikaans enrichment programme alongside Mrs Landsberg. Mrs Breedt is relocating to Paarl. Her creativity, energy and innovative approach have enriched the department, and she leaves with our warmest thanks and best wishes.

I express my sincere gratitude to my colleagues for their loyal support and commitment during my time as Subject Head. I have been blessed to work with dedicated teachers who consistently go the extra mile. Their professionalism and teamwork have been central to the success of the Afrikaans Department.

Mrs C de Wet

Agricultural Sciences

The year 2025 was a wonderful year for our Agricultural Sciences department and we welcomed Mrs Almareza van Heerden to our team. An enthusiastic Agricultural Scientist, Mrs van Heerden has a BSc Agric degree from UKZN, and has worked in the pig industry before answering her calling and joining our College team. We wish her a long and successful College career.

Our Fourth Form boys acquired the grounding of the subject covering topics including Agricultural Ecology, Natural Resources, Animal Science and Plant Science. Our boys performed well over the year with all of them passing and producing a grade average of 62%. The 2025 prize for top learner in Agricultural Sciences in Fourth Form went to S Mtetwa.

The Fifth Form boys took on the most challenging of the three years of Agricultural Sciences and performed well. The topics covered included Organic Chemistry, Soil Science, Plant Studies and Optimal Resource

Utilization. The results overall were not as strong as we had hoped for, but the grade average was 57% which is commendable. Congratulations to S Venniker for being our top Grade 11 pupil in Agricultural Sciences.

In Grade 12 the focus shifts to Animal Production, Agricultural Economics and Genetics and Selection. The content is heavy going and if boys left their final preparations to the last minute, they would not have achieved as well as they would have liked. Although the grade average has improved year on year, and we had a 100% pass rate, sadly we did not receive any distinctions. We did however produce a fine group of young men who have hopefully developed a genuine interest in agriculture.

Mr J Tyler

Business Studies

The 2025 academic year marked another year of purpose, progress and pride for the Business Studies Department. Building on a legacy of excellence, the department continued to flourish with the collective commitment both of teachers and pupils.

We began the year celebrating the outstanding achievements of the Matric Class of 2024, who attained an exceptional 97.9% pass rate in the National Senior Certificate examinations. This remarkable accomplishment reflects not only the boys’ diligence and perseverance but also the unwavering support and guidance of their teachers.

The department was delighted to welcome back Mr Wilcock, whose return has been a tremendous asset. Renowned for his professionalism, kindness and collaborative spirit, he has reintegrated seamlessly into the team. His openness to fresh ideas, willingness to learn, and eagerness to contribute have enriched the department’s teaching practices. He has already introduced innovative approaches that have enhanced both lesson delivery and learner engagement.

A regular highlight of the academic year is Mr Brian Madiya’s visit. The author of the *Flora Study Guides*, Mr Madiya provided our matric pupils with invaluable strategies and insights ahead of their final examinations. His guidance remains a cornerstone of our exam preparation programme and continues to inspire confidence and competence among our candidates.

The department also celebrated the remarkable success of the Annual Street Store, a project that has become a signature initiative of our Sixth Formers. Their ability to transform assorted donations into a dignified and uplifting ‘shopping’ experience was commendable. This year’s store extended its reach even further, demonstrating our boys’ compassion, creativity and a sense of social responsibility. We extend heartfelt gratitude to SO D’licious, Willowton Palace, Granny Macs and DJ Platinum Beats for their generous and invaluable support, which played an instrumental role in ensuring the initiative’s continued impact.

Throughout 2025, the Business Studies curriculum remained vibrant and enriching. Our Fourth Formers were introduced to foundational business concepts, while the Fifth and Sixth Formers demonstrated impressive growth in their analytical and entrepreneurial abilities. Lessons remained dynamic, engaging and thoughtfully crafted to meet the diverse needs of all students.

As we conclude another successful year, we celebrate the collective efforts of a dedicated team and the bright young minds they inspire daily. The Business Studies Department remains committed to excellence, innovation and the holistic development of every pupil it serves.

Mrs W Khan

Computer Applications Technology (CAT)

Computer Applications Technology (CAT) continues to play a vital role in education, reflecting its importance in modern life. As a subject, CAT is thriving, with more students eager to master the essential skills that will equip them with cutting-edge technological proficiency for the future.

CAT focuses on understanding how computers, both hardware and software, work together and applying that knowledge to solve real-world problems. These problems are addressed by designing, managing and processing solutions in end-user applications and communicating those solutions through appropriate Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). These enable the processing, management and sharing of information, knowledge and data using various networks, hardware and software.

Unlike some other subjects, the skills and knowledge acquired in CAT are cumulative and build progressively over three years. Students who switch to CAT at the end of Grade 10 often face challenges, making it essential to make informed subject choices early on. Access to a computer at home is also crucial for completing practical work and reinforcing classroom learning. Resources and materials are readily available to students via Microsoft Teams and Moodle, ensuring continuous support.

Our 2025 matric results were outstanding, boasting a 94% pass rate, with one pupil achieving an A symbol. These results reflect the dedication and hard work of our students.

Special thanks to Mr Jeewan who taught Fourth to Sixth Form and managed administrative matters during my sick leave, Mr Soorju (Fourth Form) and Ms Mudely (Fourth and Fifth Forms). We extend our best wishes to Ms Mudely as she leaves Maritzburg College this year having completed her internship. We also express our gratitude to Mrs J Finnie, Mr J Maistry, Mr V Rajpaul, Mr T Tshabalala and Mr P Kistasamy for their invaluable assistance in ensuring the efficient operation of our department.

Ms K Moula

Dramatic Arts

“The mission of the theatre, after all, is to change, to raise the consciousness of people to their human possibilities.” ~ Arthur Miller

For the first time in many years, the Sixth Form class comprised 29 learners. This necessitated that we field two classes. This is a testament to a growing interest in the subject and an increasing awareness of its value in teaching 21st century skills and providing a competitive edge when entering the job market.

The Fourth and Fifth Form classes have attracted a diversity of students, many of whom were involved in both the school productions staged this year. It is heartening to the Dramatic Arts Department when we receive positive feedback from schools with whom we collaborate, as that indicates our students’ levels of commitment, their self-confidence and demeanour, their ability to listen effectively and take directors’ notes, and to work effectively in a team while demonstrating high levels of respect. As the Maritzburg College Dramatic Arts Department, we know then, that we are on the right track with our soft skills development that will stand the boys in excellent stead beyond the classroom.

We were able to provide two opportunities for our pupils to attend external events that further enhanced their knowledge of Dramatic Arts by exposing them to professionally staged performances. The Fourth and Fifth Formers attended the Schools’ Festival, *Jongosi*, at the Hilton Arts Festival. They watched two shows and participated in a workshop on writing their own material. The boys were also able to interact with pupils from other schools.

In August we attended a production of *Sophiatown* at the Playhouse, in Durban. In addition to viewing this vibrant play, the boys met with cast member Sandi Dlangalala, an OC who is currently pursuing a successful career in the theatre world. As a result of this meeting, Sandi subsequently addressed the boys as the Guest Speaker at the 2025 Sports and Culture Awards Ceremony.

We extend our sincere congratulations to the Sixth Form Class of 2025. They have achieved outstanding academic results, including seven As, ten Bs and nine Cs and a class average of 72%. We wish them the very best in their future pursuits.

Drama continues to grow in scope and exposure as more boys realise the value of including the subject in their curriculum.

Mrs K Thaver

Economics

The 2025 academic year was another strong and productive year for the Economics Department, continuing the tradition of excellence established in previous years. The subject continues to grow in both profile and performance.

We were pleased to welcome a new member to our team, Mr S Mazibuko, whose enthusiasm and dedication have strengthened the department. The success of the department remains rooted in the professionalism, commitment and collegiality of the staff: Messrs N Pillay, S Mazibuko, Mrs N Singh and Mrs M Pillay. Their teamwork and shared vision have been central to our achievements.

While the National Senior Certificate results showed a slight decline compared to 2024, overall performance remained commendable. Of the 82 Sixth Form candidates, all passed and the overall average was 67%. Almost three quarters of the pupils achieved above 60%, and four pupils achieved above 90%, placing them in the top ten in the district. We had 16 pupils achieve A symbols, while 19 achieved B symbols. These outstanding results earned the school the District Award for Best Performing School in Economics for quality passes, a significant achievement both for the department and College.

The JSE Schools Challenge provides learners from Grades 8 to 12 with practical exposure to the stock exchange and the broader economy. Working in teams of four, students invest R1 million in virtual funds, gaining real-world insight into share trading and wealth generation. Our pupils once again participated enthusiastically, applying classroom theory to practical financial decision-making and strengthening their understanding of market dynamics.

This year marked the fourth year of the College’s participation in the Reserve Bank Challenge. The Sixth Form team, S Naidoo, C Mundell, L Shangase and K Govender, delivered an exceptional performance. Out of 220 schools nationally, they were selected as one of the Top 10 finalists and ultimately placed fifth at the final presentation held at the South African Reserve Bank.

The team presented a comprehensive Monetary Policy Committee report, analysing economic data and justifying their decision on whether to increase, decrease or maintain the repo rate. Their performance earned each member R10 000, with the school receiving R18 000. This achievement reflects both the academic strength of our learners and their ability to apply theory critically in a real-world context.

Participation in the Economics Proverto Olympiad continues to challenge our pupils academically and provides an excellent platform for developing higher-order analytical skills. Many boys made the second round of the competition with five boys in Grade 10, one boy in Grade 11 and ten boys in Grade 12 achieving distinctions.

The 2025 Fifth Form Economics Tour to Johannesburg and Pretoria was a resounding success. Twenty boys participated in an enriching programme that provided valuable exposure to the world of business and economics. Pupils engaged with prominent business leaders, many of whom are College Old Boys, who generously shared their professional journeys and offered practical career guidance.

The emphasis on confidence, hard work and networking left a lasting impression. A highlight of the tour was the visit to Daytona Motors in Sandton, where the boys were introduced to high-end automotive brands. As the top-performing Economics student, D Pillay had the memorable opportunity to experience a ride through Sandton in a McLaren. Special thanks are extended to Mr S Mazibuko for sharing the organisational responsibilities of the tour.

The department’s success in 2025 reflects the dedication both of staff and pupils. I extend my sincere gratitude to Mrs N Singh, Mrs M Pillay and Mr S Mazibuko for their tireless efforts, enthusiasm and commitment to excellence in the teaching of Economics. We look forward to building on these achievements in 2026 and continuing to strengthen the academic and co-curricular profile of the subject.

Mr N Pillay

Engineering Graphics & Design (EGD)

Engineering Graphics and Design (EGD) is a visual language used to communicate ideas, concepts, and designs. The subject places strong emphasis on developing learners’ drawing skills within the contexts of civil, electrical and mechanical engineering. While the curriculum presents a degree of challenge, our boys continue to excel, and we remain proud of their resilience, skill and enthusiasm. Although Computer-Aided Design (CAD) has been introduced in recent years, it is not yet part of the examinable content.

Our school is widely recognised as a significant contributor to the success of EGD within the Department of Education and at the National Senior Certificate examinations. Our results consistently rank among the best in the country. This achievement reflects the exceptional quality of teaching delivered in our classrooms and the commitment of our teachers.

Our team is made up of Mr L Tshabalala, a seasoned teacher with extensive knowledge; Mr S Bosch, who brings innovation through diverse teaching approaches; Mr L Smorfitt, whose strengths lie in the technological aspects of the subject; Mr J Taljaard, an experienced and dedicated teacher; and myself. Each team member prides themselves on introducing fresh, independent ideas that enrich the learning experience.

A key part of our teaching philosophy is ensuring that content remains relevant to real-world applications. Students engage with authentic engineering challenges and present a wide range of thoughtful, well-reasoned solutions. They are also exposed to global engineering advancements, which are incorporated into lessons to keep their learning current and dynamic. Trends in technology and engineering provide valuable insight and stimulate vibrant class discussions.

Pupils who demonstrate strong drawing skills and excel in EGD are given the opportunity to work with CAD software. This extension activity consistently generates significant interest, with boys using their own devices to complete selected drawings digitally. In the upcoming year, these boys will participate in a CAD competition hosted by the Department of Education.

Three-D printing remains an integral component of the subject. Students design and print their own creations under the guidance of their teachers, further developing their creative and technical skills. With the lesson time for 3D printing limited, our plans to grow this component is to have time set aside out of the classroom.

Renewable and sustainable energy concepts form a major part of the curriculum. Practical tasks incorporate these themes, encouraging students to consider the environmental impact of engineering decisions and to think critically about sustainable solutions.

My sincere thanks both to the staff and students whose hard work and dedication keep our school and this subject at the forefront within the Department of Education. It is a privilege to lead such a committed team.

Mr G Govindasamy

English

The English Department experienced a shift in leadership this year following the appointment of Miss S Paramanand as Subject Head of English Home Language. We also welcomed two new teachers in Mrs R Lubbe and Mr C White, and a locum, Mr R Ramdeen. Mrs Lubbe stepped into the administrative role overseeing concessions and GET classes, bringing efficiency, care and enthusiasm to her work. Mr White returned to his alma mater to teach both GET and FET English, quickly establishing himself as a committed teacher and mentor. We bid a fond farewell to Ms T Harding and wish her all the best as she retires to the Cape.

The year 2025 proved to be one of remarkable growth, creativity and achievement for the English Department. Driven by a shared commitment to excellence, our teachers and pupils embraced new approaches to language learning, explored fresh academic and cultural opportunities, and strengthened the department’s reputation as a vibrant centre of thinking, expression and innovation.



The year kicked off on an exciting note as the Sixth Formers attended a powerful staging of *Othello* in a captivating production at Hilton College. The performance not only ignited their interest in Shakespeare's tragedy but also set a high standard for the enriching literary experiences that would define the English Department's productive year.

Maritzburg College has a long-standing and proud association with the English Olympiad. In March, seven of our Sixth Form boys sat the challenging three-hour examination, demonstrating courage, commitment and a genuine love for the subject. Three of our pupils earned Silver Awards while two achieved Merit awards. We are extremely proud of all seven participants, whose willingness to tackle this demanding Olympiad reflects their dedication to academic growth and excellence.

Maritzburg College hosted the MCEASA 2025 Conference. The event brought together teachers from across the country for a full day of professional growth, collaboration and fresh perspectives. Educators left energised, inspired and equipped with new ideas to bring into their classrooms.

The Class of 2025 excelled in the National Senior Certificate English Home Language examinations, achieving an outstanding 100% pass rate which is a testament to their hard work, consistency and determination throughout the year. The cohort achieved a strong overall performance, with an average mark of 67%, reflecting the commitment of our learners and the high standards maintained by the department. Our quality of results continues to be a point of pride. Such excellence is never accidental. It is the result of a dynamic, motivated and deeply engaged team of English educators who begin preparing our boys from the moment they enter Second Form, ensuring they are equipped with the skills, confidence and resilience needed for their matric year.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the Class of 2025 on their exceptional achievement and to wish them every success in their future endeavours. Their dedication has been remarkable, and we are confident that the skills refined through English Home Language will continue to serve them well in the years ahead. With this momentum, the English Department looks forward to a year of growth, innovation and determination in 2026.

Miss S Paramanand

Geography

The first term was marked by stability and continuity within the Geography Department, ensuring a strong start to the academic year. The dedicated team of teachers maintained high standards of teaching and learning, delivering engaging lessons that fostered critical thinking and geographical insight. Assessments were carefully designed to challenge learners while providing meaningful feedback, and the consistent quality of marking reflected the department's commitment to academic excellence. This solid foundation set the tone for a productive and successful year ahead.

During Term 2, the Geography Department experienced a change as Mrs J Stoute went on maternity leave. To ensure stability and continuity in the classroom, Mr S Siwila and Mr N Sutherland shared the locum responsibilities seamlessly. The department is delighted to congratulate Mrs Stoute on the arrival of her healthy baby boy, Harrison Stoute, a wonderful addition to the College family.

Term 3 was a period of focus and determination as teachers worked tirelessly to complete the curriculum and prepare matric learners for their trial examinations. The effort paid off, with students performing well and demonstrating understanding in the subject. Among the standout achievers was M Brunkhorst, whose outstanding Geography results contributed to his being named DUX of the school at the Academic Speech Day, a remarkable accomplishment that reflects both his dedication and the department's commitment to excellence.

Congratulations to Mrs C Singh on her appointment as Geography Subject Head from Term 4. She brings a wealth of experience and a dynamic skill set to the role, combining technological expertise, creativity and empathetic leadership. The department looks forward to her vision and commitment as she leads Geography into an exciting new chapter.

The Department bids a heartfelt farewell to Mr Nigel Sutherland, who retires after years of dedicated service. Known for his calm and wise

demeanour, Mr Sutherland has been more than a teacher, he has been a mentor and a guiding presence for every member of the department. An enthusiastic teacher, he brought lessons to life through captivating true stories drawn from his own experiences, enriching geographical content with real-world relevance. His legacy is one of commitment, pride and a holistic understanding that education extends far beyond the classroom. He reminded us that everyone's strengths and collective efforts are paramount in creating a successful, cohesive work environment. The department will deeply miss his steady influence and inspiring approach to teaching.

I congratulate the Geography teachers and boys on the outstanding 2025 National Senior Certificate Geography results: a 100% pass rate and an impressive 19 distinctions (As) were achieved. This excellent achievement reflects the dedication, hard work and commitment both of the teachers and the boys and highlights a strong culture of excellence within the department.

As the year drew to a close and final examinations were being marked, the Geography Department gathered for a strategic planning meeting to reflect on achievements and set the course for 2026. The review reaffirmed the team's unwavering commitment to continuous improvement, acknowledging daily challenges, identifying strategies to add value, and recognising that obstacles are part of growth. At the heart of this success lies a shared commitment to education and a belief that teaching is a vocation. With plans already underway to enhance resources and refine approaches, the department is poised to ensure that Geography at Maritzburg College continues to thrive in the year ahead.

Mrs K Bartholomew

History

This was a year of mixed emotions for the History department. We said farewell to Messrs Marwick, Orchard and Myburgh. All three teachers played important roles in shaping school life not only in the classroom but also on the sports field and in the boarding establishment and, in Mr Marwick's case, as Acting Headmaster for a time this year. Their contributions will be remembered fondly, and we wish them every success in their new schools. We look forward to welcoming Mr C Lang, who will be joining us in 2026. We are excited about the experience and fresh perspective he will bring.

This year the History Department aimed to consolidate some of the changes we introduced in 2024. In the third term we once again set out with the Second Form on a walking tour of Pietermaritzburg, an outing that aims to help our boys develop a sense of place and history within the city. Guided by Mr Orchard, the tour took students through significant landmarks, from the iconic City Hall to the old prison. Along the way, students learned about the city's rich heritage, architectural treasures, and the events that have shaped the region.

The third term also included the Fifth Form visit to the Durban Holocaust and Genocide Centre. The experience encouraged important reflection on human rights, prejudice and the concept and pursuit of justice. Through testimonies, exhibitions and guided discussions, students gained a deeper understanding of genocides in general and the Holocaust in particular.

Our 100% pass rate for the 2025 National Senior Certificate examinations reflects the hard work that many of our boys had put in throughout the year. Seven boys attained distinctions, with H Maluleke achieving 95%, which placed him third in the district for History. Furthermore, a third of the boys achieved a B symbol. Our subject average increased from 62% in 2024 to 67% in 2025. Well done to all our matric boys.

As the world order changes and the balance of power shifts globally, History remains a relevant subject by helping us to understand the world in which we live. It can be a powerful tool through which our boys can learn to think critically, question responsibly and recognise the complexity of human experience. I am delighted that our subject intake for 2026 is higher than the 2025 intake, and I live in hope that the numbers will continue to grow.

Ms M Bailey

Information Technology (IT)

Information Technology is more than just computers, it is the study of how physical and digital technologies work together to capture data, process it into meaningful information, and manage, present and share that information effectively. IT equips students with problem-solving skills through logical and computational thinking, while introducing them to the tools and systems that enable electronic transmission, access and manipulation of data.

In 2026, our boys will enjoy enhanced access to digital resources through shared folders on Microsoft Teams, Google Drive, OneDrive and Moodle. These platforms will host notes, past papers and recorded lessons, ensuring that students have the support they need anytime, anywhere. Additionally, our Maritzburg College YouTube channel will continue to provide academic video lessons for easy access and revision.

We are also excited to announce the introduction of Coding to our junior classes. This is a step towards preparing students for the digital future and fostering creativity and innovation.

We are exceptionally proud to announce that our Sixth Form boys produced excellent results in their final examinations, securing the top three positions in the district. Well-deserved congratulations to M Brunkhorst, D Brunkhorst and J Moneyvalu. Their hard work, dedication and perseverance have paid off. They have not only made their school proud but have also set an inspiring example for all students.

A special thank you to Ms Moula, Mr Jeewan, Mr Smorfitt and Mr M Dibben, who teach Computer Applications Technology and Computer Literacy. We also extend our gratitude to Mrs Finnie, Mr Rajpaul, Mr Tshabalala and Mr Kistasamy for their invaluable support in ensuring the smooth running of our department.

We anticipate an exciting and challenging 2026 as we continue to innovate and expand our digital learning initiatives. Congratulations to our matriculants on their outstanding results, you have made us proud!

Mr J Maistry

Life Orientation

The Life Orientation Department had another busy year in 2025. With an additional focus on developing independent research and academic writing skills, the Annual Teaching Plans were rolled out via carefully designed term planners. The wider College school programme was a jammed packed one, and the department had to work very closely to ensure all available resources were utilised to their full extent to deliver the programme as required by the Department of Education. The LO Department is fortunate to have enthusiastic and resourceful teachers who bring the curriculum to life, not only by teaching the content requirements but by bringing the real world to our boys through their professional and personal experience.

The department continued to expand its digital offering, led by Mr Bremner in collaboration with Mr Smorfitt, the school's educational technologist. With Second and Third Form boys now working on notebook computers, the team was able to explore a range of digital activities, assessments and communication platforms to enrich teaching and learning. A key development this year was the introduction of a research-focused lesson supported by the Antiplagiarism Pocket Guide (APG). The APG offers practical guidance on avoiding plagiarism, outlines the fundamentals of academic writing, and highlights the sections of the school's disciplinary policy that relate to plagiarism and the misuse of generative AI. Although some pupils initially found the basics of academic writing challenging, significant progress was made in developing their understanding of research processes and the importance of correctly acknowledging scientific sources. Looking ahead, 2026 will see further refinement of this component of the curriculum through the use of scaffolding techniques in lower grades, ensuring that core research principles are well established and can be effectively applied in sourcebased and research tasks. The department extends its gratitude to the Media Studies team for laying the groundwork for these essential skills, and to Mr Gutteridge for his continued work in educating boys about plagiarism and for enhancing the APG's usability.

From a staffing point of view the LO Department was fortunate to have, in addition to the staff who focus solely on Life Orientation/Physical Education, teachers from eight other departments. This made for a creative

and collaborative team environment with a variety of experience and expertise which benefited the department immensely. Thanks to all these professionals for their efforts and contributions to the subject.

We thank and bid the following people farewell as they move on to other departments, where they will no doubt continue to make a positive impact on our students. Mrs C Singh (Subject Head of Geography), Mr S Eva (Art), and Messrs H Marnitz and S la Marque who will focus on their respective sporting codes from next year.

Finally, a word of congratulations to the matric class of 2025, who have shown perseverance in a busy year to produce 86 A symbols and a grade average of 74%. Thank you for your hard work. We believe that the important lessons you have learnt in Life Orientation through the years will stand you in good stead as you embark on your lives after school.

Mr F Maritz

Life Sciences

The Life Sciences Department enjoyed a dynamic and rewarding 2025, marked by curiosity, steady progress and a deepened appreciation for the natural world. Our students approached the subject with enthusiasm, embracing both the theoretical and practical components that make Life Sciences such a rich and demanding discipline. While the content load continues to challenge even the most diligent learners, our boys rose admirably to the task. Completing the syllabus ahead of schedule across all Forms once again allowed us to devote significant time to structured revision, ensuring that students entered their examinations with confidence.

This year also saw the successful introduction of online quizzes, which quickly became an effective tool for remediation and reinforcement. These bite-sized assessments helped consolidate key concepts, identify learning gaps early, and allowed students to take greater ownership of their progress.

Fourth Form remains an exciting entry point into the subject, where students are exposed to essential building blocks such as cell structure and function, plant and animal anatomy, basic ecology, biodiversity and the origins of life. These foundational skills and concepts provide the groundwork for the more complex topics explored in Fifth and Sixth Form.

In Fifth Form, the curriculum demands deeper critical thinking as students tackle microbiology, comparative diversity across major groups, population ecology and human impact on the environment. These areas not only stretch students academically but broaden their understanding of real-world biological issues.

Sixth Form is always a highlight as students engage with advanced topics such as DNA, genetics, plant and human responses, and evolution. The 2025 matric group showed resilience and maturity as they navigated the final stretch of their Life Sciences journey. The boys did us extremely proud in the National Senior Certificate examinations and achieved 17 subject distinctions, with our top achievers being S Naidoo with 92% and A Mkhize and D Naidoo both receiving 91%.

Our department continues to thrive because of the commitment and stability of its staff. We are fortunate to retain our strong team of Mrs Finnie, Mr Paterson, Mr Stopford, Mr Greyling and Mrs Kyle, whose professionalism and zeal form the backbone of our department. Their consistency provides our students with a supportive and dependable learning environment in which they can excel.

This year, we also bade farewell to Ms Green, our assistant laboratory technician, who leaves us to pursue new opportunities. We extend our sincere gratitude for her hard work, reliability, and the valuable role she played in keeping our labs and practical's running smoothly.

As we look ahead, we do so with optimism and a renewed sense of purpose. Thank you to our students, parent and staff for another year of hard work and commitment. May 2026 bring continued growth, discovery and achievement in Life Sciences.

Mr M Warr



Mathematics

The global decline in mathematical literacy and overall academic performance remains a significant concern in education. International benchmarking studies continue to highlight reduced proficiency in both numeracy and reading, with many learners struggling to master foundational skills required for higher-order thinking. Contributing factors include inconsistent teaching methodologies, limited access to quality resources, and socio-economic disparities that widen learning gaps. In addition, the post-pandemic landscape has revealed persistent deficits in core mathematical understanding, particularly among boys, who statistically engage less with reading and literacy tasks, further impacting their ability to comprehend complex mathematical language and problem-solving strategies.

As the world becomes increasingly driven by data, technology and analytical reasoning, mathematical literacy is no longer optional, it is essential. Future careers in medicine, engineering, town planning, architecture, finance and emerging fields such as artificial intelligence demand strong mathematical competency. It is therefore imperative that schools, families and communities work together to equip young men with the skills needed to thrive in these environments.

At Maritzburg College, we have recognised these global trends and responded proactively. In partnership with other leading schools in KwaZulu-Natal, we have taken deliberate steps to address the learning gaps exacerbated by the disrupted schooling during the Covid years. We have also liaised with primary schools to bridge the gaps between the schools and to communicate the expectations we have of Grade 8 pupils coming into College.

In the FET phase, we continue to see strong academic competition, with several boys striving for top honours in their respective groups. The provision of online revision videos ahead of examinations proved highly beneficial, reinforcing College's commitment to hybrid learning, balancing academic rigour with a demanding sporting programme to develop well-rounded young men.

We are particularly pleased to note the improvement in Sixth Form Mathematics where Maritzburg College achieved a 96,1% pass rate for the subject. We had one boy achieve 97% and was placed first in the district. In Further Studies Maths two candidates achieved above 90% and another two above 80%.

Our collaboration with Epoch Optima continues to enrich the department. This year we had six interns and mentors supporting teaching and learning. This opportunity allows College to enhance lesson delivery, strengthen mentorship and invest in the professional growth of future educators, an essential component in sustaining long-term excellence in the subject.

We encourage all our boys to remain dedicated to their mathematical development. Strong numeracy skills unlock a wider range of study pathways and career opportunities, empowering them to shape their futures with confidence. Mathematics builds problem-solving ability, discipline, resilience and intellectual versatility, qualities that define the young men we aspire to develop at Maritzburg College.

This year we had to say good-bye to valuable staff members, Mr J Naidoo, Mrs D Gademan and Mr C Myburgh. We are pleased to welcome Mrs M Maniram and Mr S Soorju to the department and hope that they have a long, happy and fulfilling stay at College.

Mrs L Boucher-Pieterse

Mathematics Literacy

Mathematical Literacy has become an integral part of education as it equips learners with the tools to better understand the world around them. This is necessary for all members in a society to understand how all aspect of daily life affect them and how they contribute to the well-being of the country.

This year has demonstrated consistent progress, highlighted by the successful completion of multiple objectives and strong overall outcomes. The team consisting of Messrs Ntenezi, Sherriff, Maharaj and Zuma have effectively engaged students in the Mathematical Literacy curriculum,

leading to significant academic achievements among the learners they supported. Throughout the year, our team also benefited from the valuable assistance of Mr Kritzinger, Ms Mhlongo and Mr Sparrow. Those pupils who have excelled in each of the grades are to be congratulated on their achievements.

A total of 91 students sat for the 2025 National Senior Certificate Examination, with 22 students earning A symbols and 33 students earning B symbols. The pass rate for Mathematical Literacy was an impressive 100%. The school can take great pride in these exceptional results.

Looking ahead to 2026, we remain optimistic that everything will unfold as planned. With a growing number of students enrolling in the course, we are taking proactive steps to ensure that all students can use Microsoft Teams effectively and have easy access to the required resources. We will also continue to provide academic support to students who encounter difficulties with the content. Although we have accomplished many of the goals set for this year, a few will need to be prioritised in the coming year.

My thanks and gratitude to all the teachers, including our Head of Department, Mr J Maistry and Senior Deputy Headmaster (Academics), Mrs J Finnie, for their invaluable support during this academic year.

Mr M Jeewan

Music

The Music Department continues to shine through the quality of its performances, and the exam results achieved both by subject and non-subject music boys. The matric Class of 2025 continued to uphold this tradition. It was one of the bigger music subject classes in recent history, with seven boys in the class.

The final results of this year were a testament to the hard work and grit which the boys put in during their final weeks at school, with 2 As, 4 Bs and 1 C symbol being an excellent set of results for this class. The practical exam performances by J Drimie, C Gould and C Zondi demonstrated just how well the boys had progressed musically during their time at Maritzburg College.

Special mention is made of the following boys and their respective theory exam results:

UNISA

Distinction - Grade 1	C Frank and N Luvuno
Distinction - Grade 2	E Vengai
Distinction - Grade 4	A Madlala
Merit - Grade 3	D Swanepoel, E Gould, P Desebrook and P Mncwabe
Merit - Grade 4	J Drimie

ABRSM

Distinction - Grade 6	A Hampshire
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Congratulations to the following boys who achieved distinctions in the following external practical exams:

Trinity College of Music – Piano

Distinction – Foundation certificate (duet)	S Bandu and E Vengai
Distinction – Foundation certificate	D Berner and H Storm
Merit – Grade 5	C Zondi and C Gould

We are very proud of these boys for their work and commitment which has produced such good results.

The number of boys learning to play an instrument in Second and Third Form is also at an excellent level, boding well for capable performers and good musical performances at Maritzburg College in the years to come.

Maritzburg College continues to distinguish itself both around Pietermaritzburg, and at a national level, with the quality of the boys studying Music. It has been a great year, and we are looking forward to 2026.

Mr D Solomon

Physical Science

The Physical Science Department has enjoyed a dynamic and rewarding year. We were delighted to welcome Mrs A van Heerden in January 2025, and the boys and staff alike have greatly appreciated the enthusiasm and energy she has brought to the department. As the year concludes, we bid farewell to Mrs S Deodutt, who is a valued and highly skilled teacher. We extend our sincere thanks to her and wish her every success as she joins Westville Boys' High School in 2026.

This year, the department proudly celebrates the dedication and success of 109 boys who undertook the challenge of Physical Sciences in the 2025 National Senior Certificate Examinations. Our boys did themselves proud with 13 obtaining distinctions. Congratulations also go to C Mundell, D Brunkhorst and M Brunkhorst who were placed first, second and third in the uMgungundlovu district, respectively. Additionally, two boys completed the IEB Further Studies Physics Examination and both attained an A. Commendable results that highlight the hard work and commitment both of pupils and teachers.

October 2025 marked the beginning of an exciting phase of growth, with the launch of renovations and upgrades to the Physical Science laboratories. These improvements will significantly enhance the practical learning experience for our boys. We look forward to continuing this momentum with further upgrades to the Physical Science classrooms in the near future.



Beyond the classroom, the department is pleased to celebrate the achievements of E Hunter-Smith (*left*) and N Mathapershad (*right*), who represented Maritzburg College in the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE) Pietermaritzburg Branch Bridge Building Competition. The pair achieved an impressive 8th place overall, marking the school's first participation since Covid. We hope to continue this tradition as an annual event going forward.

Mrs K Storm

Visual Art

To paint is to embark on a battle, with no guarantee of success; it is to wrestle with the elements, with the paint and the canvas, to push your own body to its limits, to resist your own thoughts and preconceptions.

These words, spoken by South African artist, Marlene Dumas, in a 2025 *Le Monde* interview after her work was acquired by the Louvre, making her the first contemporary woman artist to enter the museum's permanent collection, encapsulate the demanding nature of the creative process.

For me, Dumas' statement underscores that artmaking is far from a leisurely or chilled pastime. It requires focus, courage and sustained engagement. It demands rigorous introspection, abstract thinking and problem-solving to translate an open-ended idea into a resolved artwork.

Our junior classes began the year with foundational training in observational drawing and painting before taking on more challenging three-dimensional projects: carving soap sculptures in Second Form and producing wood carvings in Third Form.

The Fourth Form Art boys undertook an excursion up Game Pass in the Kamberg to experience rock art in situ beneath a vast overhang overlooking what is today known as the Mooi River. Their theory curriculum spanned artistic developments from ancient Africa to the European Renaissance, while their studio work introduced skills in charcoal drawing, acrylic painting and intaglio printmaking.

Fifth Form students initially focused on lino printing and oil painting. Their final Practical Assessment Task, titled *Side by Side*, required them to develop and refine their own concepts, culminating in a medium of their choice.

Our Sixth Form students tackled the themes *Bridge* and *My Voice* for their Practical Art Tasks. Their responses were deeply personal and often profoundly moving. These works were displayed at the Matric Exhibition, an event that allowed families and friends to appreciate the remarkable creative achievements of our matriculants. The Midlands Matric Art Exhibition at the Tatham Art Gallery also featured many of our 2024 pupils' artworks, and we accompanied our Fifth and Sixth Form students to the Gallery to engage with work from schools across the region and explore the significant permanent collection housed there.

This year, the Tatham Art Gallery invited College art teachers Mr B Dodd, Mr E Pretorius and me to exhibit our own work in the Schreiner Gallery, running concurrently with the matric exhibition. Titled *Painting Beneath the Surface*, the exhibition explored painting as an act of unlearning, a process of releasing rigid structures in order to rediscover creative intuition. Some works considered painting as a means of self-discovery, navigating identity, memory and personal histories through the fluid properties of paint. Others reflected on painting as a vehicle for grief, offering a space where loss, emotion and healing unfold in layered surfaces. Viewers were invited to consider painting not merely as representation but as a reflective and cathartic practice that reveals rather than simply depicts.

The exhibition offered an opportunity to demonstrate that, beyond our roles as educators, we remain deeply invested in visual art as a personal and expressive discipline.

All considered, 2025 has been a busy, exciting and immensely creative year for students and teachers. We were proud of the achievements of our matrics, 25% of whom were awarded an A symbol.

Mrs S Osborne

isiZulu

The isiZulu Department has enjoyed substantial growth in the past twenty-five years. A while ago this department had just one teacher with only twelve Sixth Form pupils. The growing number of isiZulu students has resulted in a similar growth in staff numbers. Today we take pride in a department with over five hundred students with five admirable and highly experienced teachers. All pupils are well catered for as our experienced teachers can accommodate even the non-Zulu language speakers.

The annual Zulu Cultural Evening has been a highlight of the department for many years. It does not lose its shape but shines every year. Each annual group wants to be the best, and it happens that way. The support from the College family is always unwavering. A big thank you to the boys for all their efforts to make this event a success. The teachers, as caretakers of these boys, play a major role in the perfection of this event and I salute them. A special thank you to the parents for the support of their sons from preparation to the attendance of the actual event.

This year we introduced the Fourth Form Cultural Day as a replacement of the Cabazini Cultural Homestead excursion. Boys enjoyed the day, especially the bead work which was the highlight of the event. All went as planned and we hope it will to grow in the years to come. There are other new activities that the department is planning to engage in with the purpose of bringing variety, such as debates and quizzes.

We have been producing quality results each year. The National Senior Certificate 2025 results were acceptable although not up to our expectations. Several boys achieved high B symbols which indicates that there are some who are capable of achieving a distinction. These pupils need our special assistance. One should also acknowledge the fact that we have a number of boys who are not isiZulu language speakers, but who still did well although they did not achieve A symbols.

We are grateful for the calibre of boys we had this year as they seem to be more focused, and we hope for much better results in the years to come.

Mr J Mhlongo

Careers and Tertiary Studies

‘Whatever you want to do, if you want to be great at it, you have to love it and be able to make sacrifices for it. ~ Maya Angelou’

The beginning of the new year is always very busy as College is inundated with requests from numerous tertiary institutions seeking to address our senior boys on various career and post-matric study options. We were pleased to host most of South Africa's major universities as well as a range of smaller private institutions. In equipping our boys for life after school we support personal research and emphasise the importance of being well-informed in crucial decision making throughout their matric year.

The month of May 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. Learners and their parents interacted with almost 30 exhibitors representing a wide range of diverse careers. These organisations also set up informative displays where their staff were on hand to answer questions from ‘how much do you earn?’ to ‘what subjects do I need to have in order to study for this line of work?’. We have found this expo to be particularly helpful with boys’ queries regarding prospective career paths as well as opportunities for job-shadowing which runs officially in the third term.

In late 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 on how to choose elective subjects. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Finnie and the Subject Heads who present and participate to ensure that this is a successful and informative evening. From parental feedback, it was greatly appreciated and enjoyed.

Late September saw our Fifth Form students participate in a compulsory work experience programme through-out our country. Research shows that job shadowing is crucial in shaping one's career path. As always, students are encouraged to find work for four to five days within career fields that interest them. They are motivated to think broadly and to step out of their comfort zones. This was a successful event and many of our boys received encouraging feedback from the respective corporates and NGOs that hosted them.



C Francis working as a photographer at an international expo. I Lindeque experiencing a hospital theatre.



A group of College Fifth Formers and Mrs dos Santos were addressed by the CEO in the boardroom of local company, Vexila Electrical Technology.

For the 12th year running, and through our good relationship with the University of KwaZulu-Natal, their scholarship committee again approved scholarships for 15 College Old Boys currently studying at UKZN. Each scholarship is to the value of R15 000 and is drawn from the Professor Hattersley Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are for entrant students only in the specific disciplines of Science, Engineering, Commerce and Education across all their campuses.

Mrs L dos Santos

College Business



Back row: Mrs P Cairns, Mrs A Gasa, Ms C Campbell, Mrs J Thornton-Dibb, A Moodley, S Shange, Mrs L Barbour, Miss S Campbell
Front row: Ms J Ponsford, Mrs S Upfold, Mr K Smith, Ms J Baptista, Miss R Barnard

The year 2025 was an exceptionally busy one with College Business being at the forefront of everything College. Major changes have swept over the school with a new Headmaster, Mr A Redfern, a new SGB chairman, Mr W Smith, and the ‘College encyclopaedia’, Mr M Marwick, left to become principal of Pietermaritzburg Girls High School.

College Business, which oversees the Maritzburg College Old Boys Association (MCOBA), the College Foundation, College Community Connect, College Events, Club 1863 and participates in the Maritzburg College Old Boys Memorial Trust (MCOBMT), Finance Committee, the School Governing Body, the Facilities Development Committee and the School Executive Committee, has had a very demanding year. Major events included Reunion 2025, Giving Day, Sixth Form Induction into MCOBA, over fifty school events (including six major sporting festivals), three major golf days, roadshows to Pretoria, Johannesburg and Cape Town, MCOBA branch functions, and Foundation events. How Maritzburg College manages to achieve all of this while focusing on its core business, education, is all down to a highly motivated and capable Business team. I cannot give enough praise to Ms Jenny Baptista (Foundation), Miss Rachael Barnard (Events), Miss Sue Buchanan-Clarke and now Ms Carrie Campbell (College Connect), Ms Jackie Ponsford (MCOBA), Miss Sam Campbell and Mrs Sally Upfold (Marketing), Mr Sbonga Shange (Recruiting), Mrs Lauren Barbour (Scholarship Support) and all the Estates staff. Thank you for making my life so much easier.

A big thank you to all the association leaders, being Messrs Jon Hoatson (President MCOBA), Andre du Toit (Chairman Club 1863), Luke Volans (Chairman Foundation), Sven Jager (Chairman MCOBMT) and all the committee members who give so much back to Maritzburg College.

Mr K Smith

College Museum and Archives

We have had a steady flow of visitors throughout the year. During the first few weeks of term 1, the Second Form History classes toured with their teachers. That is always an interesting bunch, with many questions. Marketing brings almost all of their visitors through the museum. Reunion weekends saw many families come through, and these can reflect a spread from the elderly to the very young. There have been numerous and varied requests for research by OCs, from details of long passed OCs to photographs and magazines.

The Isandlwana assegai and knob-kerrie donated by Mr Colenbrander was mounted by Mr Marwick and erected in the war section of the museum. We had two temporary displays during the year, the 1st XV team photos showing how the College rugby jersey colours had changed over the years. This was replaced with a display of College School Magazines ranging from the late 19th century to 2022. Both reflect vast changes over the decades (centuries).

Reunion Day 2025 was a success, and the Wall of Remembrance remains popular. We unveiled 17 new plaques on Reunion Saturday.

The Remembrance Day theme was *The War in the Desert*, where we honoured those who lost their lives in the deserts of North Africa, the skies above and the adjacent sea and ocean, as well as those captured, transferred to POW camps in Europe and later losing their lives. Unfortunately, those numbered forty. A special obituary was read by Mrs Jenny Lowe, whose father, Private Herbert Caine, perished in a POW camp in Germany. College also introduced the new (Regimental) Colours, which were laid at the War Memorial at the start of the ceremony. After the Remembrance Day Ceremony, we unveiled 12 plaques on the Wall of Remembrance.

The road running west towards Goldstone's Field was renamed the Jackie McGlew Drive in honour of Jackie McGlew, the South African test cricketer of the 1950s and captain in 1960. He hit what was then South Africa's highest test innings, an undefeated 255, against New Zealand at Wellington. He was an OC from the '40s, who was Head Dayboy Prefect, and captained both the rugby and cricket first teams in 1948.



The museum hosted the Archives Committee towards the end of the year for our annual meeting. The gardens around the museum have now been revamped and they look beautiful. Thank you, Club 1863.

Mr R Gutteridge

Counselling

As another year draws to a close, I find myself listening to an unfamiliar sound... silence. The quads and corridors, usually alive with laughter, chatter and the familiar ‘Thank you, please!’ from our new Second Formers, now echo only with birdsong. I smile at how long and overwhelming those first weeks must feel for our new boys, and how quickly the rest of the year seems to fly by. These five years at College are some of the most formative in a young man's life, shaping who he will one day become.

Being a teenager is no easy task. It is a time of powerful memories, steep learning curves, first love, first heartbreak, mistakes, consequences, stumbling, falling and learning to get back up again. It is a time to take responsibility and to be granted a soft-landing space while navigating life's ups and downs. Nothing stays the same forever, and it should not. Change is how the boys grow into the men they choose to become.

At College, the Counselling Department aims to be that soft-landing space. Our boys are fortunate to have a place where they can regroup when life throws an unexpected curveball, and it is a privileged to walk alongside them in these moments.

This year, we have journeyed through some deeply challenging experiences with every student who was referred or who reached out for help. Thank you, boys, for trusting us to support you. We have seen significant loss and

grief in our community, and although these growing pains are unavoidable, I am grateful that you know you do not have to carry them alone. I am proud of each one of you for choosing to do the healing work early, you will emerge stronger, wiser and more resilient for it.

Our College GO GREEN mental health initiative was another great success. Together, we raised over R10 500 for the Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society, a non-profit providing counselling and support to those living with mental health conditions. A heartfelt thank you to our College parents and families for your generous cake donations, your kindness played a major role in the success of our annual fundraiser.

Ms L Davies

Estates



Back row: B Mkhize, Z Hippolyte, E Rajah, J Naidoo, S Makhaye, W Zuma, W Mbense
Front row: M Seager, D Veitch, Mrs S Elliot, Mrs V Kanavathy, S Duma

As is always the case, the Estates Department has been busy throughout the year maintaining the quality of our campus and the various facilities. Estates is the first port of call when repairs are required, which can be numerous and obviously unexpected. They also completed many upgrades, pleasing staff and students alike.

The Science laboratory in P2 was upgraded, including new paint and a stunning, relevant mural. Numerous rooms were upgraded across the boarding establishment. These included the prep rooms in Clark House and Shepstone House, the prefects’ study in Nathan House, and the dormitories in Hudson House, which is an ongoing project. The pool upgrade was completed which included the new viewing deck above the pumphouse, a new deck above the Vorries Verandah, a new tuckshop, Whitley's Wharf, with a braai area and roofing was installed above the seating area. The size of the viewing deck at Kent Pavillion was increased, and a roof was included. Thanks to Club 1863, numerous gardens around the campus were revamped and replanted.

Estates have also completed new installations through the year. An ongoing project that was started during the year was the installation of a second reservoir to service staff and boarders on campus due to water restrictions in Msunduzi. At the High-Performance Centre, new lights were installed for the indoor cricket nets. A major project at the HPC was the installation of solar panels, again aiming towards reducing the effects of Msunduzi outages and price increases. Toilets were installed for the patrons of CoffeeBox.

Two new Mercedes-Benz Sprinter minibuses were purchased, again aiming at more self-sufficiency.

Mr Sbonokuhle Duma started as the new fleet manager in July 2025. He is responsible for all Maritzburg College vehicles, including the bus shuttle. Mr Craig Fincham left, moving up the road to our sister school. A new Assistant Estates Manager: BE will start in January 2026.

Most of the school, including present and past pupils and staff, and indeed the wider College community know Mr Ken Hackland. We wish him a long and enjoyable retirement after 26 years’ service to the school.

Mrs S Elliot

Finance



L-R: Mrs L Munday, Mrs O Roets, Mrs V Kanavathy, Mr K Burt, Mrs L Roets, Mrs Z Mhlongo, Miss N Zuma

The 2025 year was another eventful one for the Finance team, especially with several staff changes taking place. Under the guidance of Mrs Linda Roets, as Acting Commercial Director, and with much input from the Finance Committee, the Finance team continued with the daily running of the commercial side of Maritzburg College.

At the beginning of 2025, a major change occurred in the Finance department, when Mrs Vanessa Kanavathy moved from the Estates Department to Finance as the Procurements Officer, and a new policy was put in place, ensuring that all purchasing of goods and services was being done via one officer with deliveries being controlled by her office. This has been a successful change in procedure, relieving all the staff of the administration involved in making purchases, and also ensuring much tighter budget control. Mrs Kanavathy has proved to be a cheerful and valuable member of the Finance team, while still maintaining her role in the Estates Department.

The exemptions process was smoothly completed by the end of March, thanks to the expert knowledge of Ms Lisa Munday, our Debt Collections Officer and many years of experience from Mrs Linda Roets. The 2024 audit also took place during March 2025.

April meant doing without Mrs Zamo Mhlongo for a while, when she went off on four months maternity leave, and her baby boy Takudzwa Lisulenkosi Mhlongo was born on 19 May 2025. While she was off, Miss Nompilo Zuma stood in for her, making sure that boarder insurance and other duties were all done on time.

In May, Mr Gary Wessels joined the team part-time, for three days a week, at the request of the Finance Committee and Mrs Roets, to assist with the budget process. This process started in July and was completed in good time before the AGM took place at the end of October.

Ms Yaksha Sarawan resigned at the beginning of September, after 13 years at College, and we were all extremely sad to see her go. Her loyalty to the school and her friendly assistance to all the staff is missed. Mrs Mhlongo kindly returned a month early from maternity leave to take over Ms Sarawan's duties.

Ms Sarawan's last week at College coincided with the first week of Maritzburg College's new Commercial Director, Mr Ken Burt, who stepped in at the right time to complete the 2026 budgets. Mr Burt has been a welcome addition to the Finance Department, proving to be a dynamic, thoughtful and caring leader with a good sense of humour.

As we were short-staffed for a time, Miss Zuma was invited to stay on as Finance receptionist and boarder insurance clerk until the end of December, which she agreed to do.

The result of these changes has been a stabilisation in the department, as everyone settled into their new roles. The year ended well, with the 2026 Boarding Establishment and School budgets being accepted by the parents at the AGM held on the last Friday of October, and so the department anticipates a settled and productive 2026.

Mrs L Roets

Information, Communications and Technology



L-R: T Tshabalala, P Kistasamy, J Maistry, V Rajpaul, M Dibben

At Maritzburg College, we understand the vital role that information, communication and technology (ICT) plays in shaping education and preparing boys for the future. Technology is seamlessly integrated into every aspect of school life, academics, culture and sport, ensuring that our boys have access to world-class resources and opportunities.

To support our community, we provide:

- College Connectivity: High-speed Wi-Fi across academic blocks, boarding houses and the Indoor Centre.

Learning Platforms:

- Microsoft Teams for classroom management, accessible on laptops, tablets, iPads and smartphones. Features include:

- File storage for resources and assignments
- Classroom chat and communication

- Video lessons for absent students

- Online marking with instant feedback

- Daily planners and assignment uploads

Digital Resources:

- A dedicated YouTube channel with academic lessons, sporting highlights and marketing features

- Papercut for easy printing access

- Three computer labs equipped with modern hardware and software

- Office 365 for students and staff, including OneDrive, Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and more

Security & Support:

- A state-of-the-art firewall to protect against inappropriate content and cyber threats

- Robust infrastructure for computers and mobile devices

- A skilled ICT team: Educational Technologist, Senior and Junior Network Administrators, IT Development Assistant, and Tech Squad for on-site support

Training & Development:

- Regular staff training sessions on integrating technology into teaching

- Pupil and parent access via the Edana app

- Online library and digital access to magazines and newspapers.

We are committed to staying at the forefront of educational technology. In 2026, we will continue with our Netbook Project for Second, Third and Fourth Form boys. This initiative aims to enhance learning, promote digital literacy and equip students with essential skills for the future.

Every teacher at College has access to a laptop, iPad or desktop computer, with 80% provided with laptops and iPads. These tools ensure that teachers

can deliver a modern, engaging education and help bridge the digital divide 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

MARC (Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication)



Back row: P Gonlag, M Sanders, W du Plessis, S La Marque, S Shange
Front row: Miss S Campbell, Mrs S Upfold, R Kyle, Mrs R Ramdeen, Mrs C Paterson

The Marketing, Admissions, Recruitment and Communication (MARC) team plays a pivotal role in driving Maritzburg College's brand presence, reputation and enrolment success. As custodians of the College brand, the team oversees all school-wide marketing initiatives, strategic communication and the full admissions journey, from attracting high calibre prospective boys to ensuring a seamless entry into the school.

Central to our work is sharing the College story with authenticity and impact. We do this by leveraging innovative media, thoughtful content creation and dynamic platforms to exhibit the values, achievements and spirit of Maritzburg College.

Effective communication across the school community, both internally and externally, remains a key priority as we engage with a diverse network of stakeholders. The introduction of the new Maritzburg College App has been a very positive step forward in this process.

The MARC team comprises: Mr R Kyle (Deputy Headmaster); Mrs S Upfold (Director: Marketing and Communications); Miss S Campbell (Marketing Assistant); Mrs R Ramdeen (Admissions Coordinator); Mrs C Paterson (Admissions Secretary); Mr W du Plessis (High Performance Recruitment); Mr S Shange (Recruitment Officer); Mr P Gonlag (Admissions PRO); Mr S La Marque (Aquatics) and Mr M Sanders (Director of Hockey).

The team also provides strategic communication and marketing support to College Business, the College Foundation, the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association, College Connect and Club 1863.

Mrs S Upfold

Margaret A'Bear Media Centre



L-R: Mrs M Bohmer, Mrs L dos Santos, Ms F Ali

On opening the doors at the start of this year, our Media Centre has seen an exceptionally busy year with good usage from both day boys and boarders. It also continues to be a focal point for prospective new boys and their parents who frequently visit our facility.

We are fortunate to enjoy a generous budget which allows us to buy a wide range of fiction and non-fiction. In addition, we renewed our annual subscriptions to both PressReader and Wheelers, our electronic platforms for online and audio books. Although these items are paid for against a fluctuating dollar exchange rate, they are valuable resources and well-utilised amongst our pupils.

We had the privilege of hosting John van de Ruit, the renowned South African writer, author of the five *Spud* titles to address boys during an assembly. He spoke on the joys of reading with his usual insight and humour and was a literary treat for us all.

In recognition of World Book Day on 23 April, the senior Deputy Headmaster asked that we acknowledge our top readers in each Form. After looking at readership statistics, we then generated the names of our top readers. They were announced in assembly and presented with certificates of recognition and CoffeeBox vouchers. To instil the love of reading, we will continue to monitor readership statistics and reward our best readers.

With the assistance of a Durban publisher, two wonderful SRA Reading Laboratory boxes published by McGraw-Hill were purchased. They offer a balanced collection of fiction and non-fiction stories and articles that our junior boys would enjoy reading. These toolkits provide individualised skills instruction, encourage independent work, promote a student's sense of responsibility and let each boy move at his own rate according to individual ability. All ten Second Form classes attending Media Studies have been introduced to these resources. Our hope is that they do not just learn to read better but ultimately discover what it means to become readers. This is particularly important given the fact that currently in South Africa a staggering 81% of Grade 3 pupils are unable to read for meaning.

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

January	Red, Black and White
February	Banned books – stand up for your right to read
March	The secret of my happiness and success
April	Easter – crack open a mystery
May	College Reunion 2025
June	Preparing for exams
August	Women's Day
November	Countdown to holidays and reading

Finally, we ran a very detailed and comprehensive stocktake in November. This annual exercise is important in that it acts as a yardstick to weeding out redundant titles as well as accounting for every title in our vast collection. I would like to record my sincere thanks to the library staff for their collective efforts in this demanding task and their commitment and energy throughout the year.

Mrs L dos Santos

OTHER DEPARTMENTS

Staff Wellness

It has been a busy year on the Wellness front in 2025!

From looking after the physical health of staff with the Biggest Loser weight loss competition, to providing flu vaccines and Vitamin B shots, to running another successful edition of the Step Challenge, the Wellness Department has kept everyone at Maritzburg College on the go.

The San sisters kindly assisted us with testing glucose levels for World Diabetes Day and Discovery joined us again to offer staff an in-depth health screen.

Staff were mentally challenged with various quizzes and challenges which ran during the exam periods and much laughter and banter was generated by the BoggleBoard event. The Bounty Hunter competition was a new offering and was extremely well supported by staff, getting them to think long and hard about how well they really know their colleagues.

Several dedicated staff members joined forces to show their support of the annual Cansa Relay for Life, and the College team were proud to win the best stand award at the event.

Finally, Teacher Appreciation was celebrated with vouchers generously donated by John Dory's at the Golden Horse Casino and CoffeeBox came in for another staffroom takeover.

All in all, it has been a busy and productive time, and the Wellness Department looks forward to another healthy, happy year ahead.

Mrs M Kyle

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Khanyisa Outreach Programme

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A Myeni, P Mncwabe, A Hlongwa, L Dlamini

Front row:

Mrs S Kritzinger, Mrs M Rembold,
Mr S Shange, Mrs L Mtembu,
Mrs R Govender

Khanyisa Senior Programme

The Khanyisa Senior Outreach Programme continues to make a meaningful impact in under-resourced schools, with a strong focus on improving learner performance in Mathematics, Physical Science and English First Additional Language. In 2025, the programme welcomed a new cohort of Grade 11 learners who will remain part of Khanyisa for a two-year cycle, ensuring sustained academic support and continuity in line with the programme's mission.

The successes of recent years remain a source of encouragement, made possible through the generous support of our main sponsor, Hulamin. In 2024, three Khanyisa matriculants were awarded Hulamin bursaries to pursue further studies. In addition, many learners achieved outstanding academic results, with several obtaining A symbols in key subjects and others being placed among the Top 10 learners in the district.

This year also marked an important step forward in refining the programme's operations. By partnering with a smaller, select group of schools and working more closely with school principals, Khanyisa has been able to strengthen learner attendance and engagement. As part of its holistic support approach, pupils received stationery packs, and the programme introduced the provision of sanitary pads to female students.

As the year progressed, the Khanyisa team remained hopeful that learners will continue to show commitment and resilience. With the continued partnership and support of Hulamin, we look forward to celebrating even stronger academic achievements at the end of this cycle and to further advancing Khanyisa's goal of opening doors to brighter educational futures.

Mrs R Govender

Khanyisa Junior Programme

As we reflect on a vibrant and rewarding year in the Khanyisa Junior Programme, we celebrate the meaningful progress our boys have made both academically and personally. It has been a year marked by growth, determination and exciting milestones.

The programme has continued to focus strongly on English and Mathematics, while intentionally nurturing personal growth and character development. In English, we placed a strong emphasis on literature, aiming to deepen learners' comprehension, expand their vocabulary and cultivate a genuine enjoyment of reading. The boys engaged thoughtfully with texts and grew in their ability to analyse and interpret meaning. Alongside this, we prioritised creative writing and presentation skills, encouraging them to express their ideas clearly, confidently and with originality. It has been inspiring to witness their voices develop and their confidence flourish.

In Mathematics, the boys explored transformations of 2D shapes, the geometry of 3D objects, and measurement. They demonstrated solid understanding in these areas, with many beginning to apply mathematical

reasoning more independently. Problem-solving and logical thinking remained central to our lessons, equipping the boys with the skills and confidence to approach challenges with clarity and perseverance.

Our mentor lessons were rooted in Maritzburg College's core values of honesty, integrity, courage, self-discipline, commitment and respect. Through reflection and discussion, the boys explored what it truly means to live out these values in their academic journey and personal lives. To reinforce their learning, they created PowerPoint presentations on these themes, an activity they embraced with enthusiasm and pride.

We look on with gratitude and admiration as the Grade 7 boys conclude their time in the programme. It has been a privilege to walk this journey with them, to witness their growth and to contribute to their foundation as they prepare for high school. We wish them every success in this exciting new chapter.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the sponsors of the Khanyisa Programme. Their continued support makes this work possible. Through their generosity, we are able to provide academic support, mentorship and meaningful opportunities that empower these young men to grow in confidence and ability.

Mr S Shange



The junior Khanyisa students displaying their copies of 'Animal Farm'.



A well-earned tea break on Forder Oval.

Social Awareness Council (SAC)

The College Social Awareness Council has played an active and meaningful role in promoting dialogue, leadership and cultural awareness within the school community during 2025. Through a range of workshops, training sessions and special events, the Council has continued to foster thoughtful engagement around issues central to active citizenship and social responsibility.

A key highlight of the year was the Governing Body Foundation (GBF) Diversity and Inclusion meetings, initiated and chaired by the GBF and hosted at College in June and August. These sessions were extremely positive, raising important issues relating to diversity and inclusivity in schools. Discussions emphasised the need for school management teams, Representative Councils of Learners and governing bodies to work collaboratively, not only to manage sensitive issues but to engage meaningfully with them. The next, more learner-centred session, is scheduled to be hosted by St Nicholas School.

In September, the SAC conducted a Leadership Training Workshop with the acting prefects to empower them in understanding inclusivity and to provide practical tools for addressing such issues in their leadership roles next year. This training strengthened the prefects' ability to promote a supportive and inclusive environment among their peers.

Additionally, there were two mentor lessons for all learners, focusing on Culture and Brotherhood. These sessions were well-received both by boys

and staff, fostering meaningful discussion and reflection on values that underpin community and mutual respect at the College.

Another significant engagement was the Prefects' Sharing Evening in September, featuring a presentation on Leadership and Active Citizenship. The evening provided an inspiring platform for young leaders to share ideas and perspectives, highlighting a thoughtful approach to leadership development in schools.

The Council also hosted a memorable literary and cultural event with Dr Gcina Mhlophe on Monday, 8 September 2025, coinciding with International Literacy Day. Boys and staff were captivated by Dr Mhlophe's energy, expressive storytelling and deep insight into culture and identity. The languages departments incorporated her stories and poems, many of which are studied in the curriculum, into classroom activities. The event was both enriching and inspiring, and it is hoped Dr Mhlophe will return in the coming year.

Through these initiatives, the College Social Awareness Council has continued to encourage awareness, inclusivity, leadership and cultural appreciation, making a meaningful contribution to the broader life of the school.

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Dr Mhlophe flanked by (left) Mrs J Finnie, (right) Mrs R Govender and supported by the College boys.



Dr Mhlophe captivated her audience as she related her stories with wonderful expression and gestures.

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SIXTH FORM

Social Media: A tool for connection

In our modern and ever advancing world, social media has placed itself in an integral part of society, influencing millions – if not billions – of people, every single day. Social media allows for connectivity among friends and communication of daily, global or local news. However, despite its seeming positives, social media can seriously harm individuals, leading to societal degradation.

Social media enables the spread of propaganda and encourages misinformation. When important news on politics or other social aspects of life is posted online, the information is often spread among online communities. Gossip is a serious issue in real living, but online it becomes an unavoidable wildfire. People viewing information often warp it as a result of personal views or ideologies, and this warped information often becomes more ‘heard’ than the original cover, actual news. The phrase ‘Lies fly around the world while truth is still putting its boots on’, highlights how misinformation and propaganda are spread online via social media by people trying to popularise their views. In this sense, although social media does allow for connectivity, misinformation can cause people to be more blinded from the truth than they would have been without it.

Additionally, social media causes online addiction and enables cyberbullying. Chronic online addiction and hate speech are major issues experienced by people of all ages. Social media is a platform that companies use to make a profit via complex algorithms that know what you want to watch before you do, capturing people in an unavoidable cycle of addiction. Instant gratification is a problem in our daily world, and social media companies aim to use this more every single day. Tricking people’s minds into ‘needing’ more of it. People who see false lives posted online often believe that they are true, and many turned to cyber bullying in an attempt to make them feel better about themselves. Social media platforms are aimed to make a company a profit, ultimately leading to algorithms that cause addiction and little moderation of hate speech, highlighting how social media can destroy human emotions and social interactions.

However, it can be argued that online connectivity is vital in society. Online information is far more accessible than older forms of spreading information, and connectivity can foster and build relationships with friends. People who live far away from each other are able to meaningfully connect with one another, which creates a sense of community and belonging; and social media promotes the spread of information that can target and breakdown social injustices such as apartheid. Social media acts as a platform which encourages nation building and community, which is healthy for human well-being.

In conclusion, while social media is a core part of daily living, enabling communication of global or local news, a lack of law enforcement and monitoring, as well as complex algorithms, cause social media to be a tool of destruction, used by companies for the sole purpose of making a profit, leading to the spread of misinformation and addiction, causing a breakdown of society.

M Brunkhorst (Sixth Form)

“It wasn’t with a ‘bang’ - but with a quiet ‘click’, the door closed”

I heard everything—the faint buzzing of the ago-old refrigerator, the night breeze blowing through the kitchen window, the secret tapping of slippers on wooden floors. I heard her worn-out coat brush against her cold skin as she hurried through the long hallway. And finally, I heard the knob turn, the door creak, and the latch click. Then everything went silent.

The days were full of frequent fighting, constant screaming, and soul crushing. It was usual for our home. I was accustomed to the environment, although none of it was normal. My father was our feared provider. He was

four-times my size and had a large and extended jaw, perfect for shouting malicious insults that shook the whole house. My mother was the opposite. She was frail, weak and small, always cringing like a shook snail ready to jump back into its shell. Her hair was thin and grey even when she was too young for it. And she was sick, sick in both body and mind, for the constant stress of always fearing for one’s life can break you. Yet she stayed. I don’t know how she put up with him for eight years, but she did. She was meek and loving, and she wanted to protect me.

So, I wonder what turned her away. Surely after eight years of exposure and being tested, one would build resilience. I don’t understand what was different this time. It’s like something snapped in her. It’s as if she was drawn by the full moon’s beauty, or the midnight howling of winds called her to freedom. I understand where she came from, I too would leave today if I was able to. But to leave my precious child in the claws of that irrational beast? I would never—could never.

On that night, my father was filled with the drink. The problems that had accumulated during the week had built up in his chest and had to be let out, so he chose to make my mother the victim of his rage. She sent me to my room and told me to cover my ears before he slammed the door open. He swore and screamed and tugged at her hair while the problems spewed out of his vile mouth. He called her the source of all his pain, the sewage that polluted the river of his once-peaceful soul. The sound of palm against cheek resounded throughout the house. I heard it all.

And while my father was somehow peacefully asleep, my mother made her fateful escape, the departure that changed my life forever.

My parents are so different. My father makes a loud and dangerous entrance; my mother exits without a whisper. The father I never wanted stays; the mother I needed leaves. One is controlling and arrogant, yet the other is passive and submissive, leaving without a bang, even when she deserves to slam the door in eternal defiance. My parents were equally broken—I recognise that now—but I cannot wrap my head around the fact that, because of their actions, I am more broken than both of them.

J Moneyvalu (Sixth Form)

What is love?

What is love? We are often left to wonder if this emotion or feeling is real. Is it a quality we naturally inherit or is it something we synthesise as we encounter the real world. Is it tangible or is it a false narrative created by those with the purpose of selling overpriced sweets and teddy bears on the 14th of February each year. Are there limits to this emotion or can it overspill into something much larger than oneself. The question remains omnipresent. What is love?

At birth, you’re exposed to your first lethal dose of love, the type of love that can either make or break your perception of the emotion. And this type of love is unconditional love. Your parents hand it to you gold-plated and you passively accept it, fuelled by your innocence, purity and lack of exposure to this cruel world, the love planted within your heart burns like a flame within you. This love is deep, it is vibrant as it rumbles and builds up in your heart as a bright red fire, but just like a flame, love is dangerous.

You grow up a bit and your perception of love changes as you are now exposed to the misfortunes of this world. Society builds up your expectations of love and captures you in a trap of how you should feel and experience it. It is painted as an emotion so easy to show and even easier to receive but you know that is not true. Spontaneously formed friendships, romantic crushes, and close family members water the seed of love planted within you and fuel the fire within you. However, through these moments, curveballs are thrust upon you, fake friends, friendship breakups, heartbreak, spells of anxiety and depression, grief at the loss of family members all throw dirt and filth on your previously burning flame. Suddenly your parents are going through a divorce, and the plants of love growing within you seem to have been trampled on. Your heart is now stained and bruised with dark blues and filthy dirty browns, your past’s vibrant red flame seems to be dull and faint as it begins to fade out, the plant that once shot

up within you begins to wilt and this emotion just appears as a mirage to you.

Until you meet someone. The distant mirage begins to fade and love becomes clearer to you, this person lights a spark within you, and brings the dying flame within you, back to life. They are like the sun rays bringing comfort and growth to the dead plant within you and by some miraculous ritual they bring it back to life and it begins to grow again. Now the illusion of love seems so surreal, you are thrown into a spiral of attachment, trust, constantly opening up and exposing yourself and your emotions, showing affection and caring for someone else more than you do yourself. You've completely discarded the idea of love being fake, as it now appears to be tangible and within your possession, it makes you blind to the realities of your love and the negative qualities of your lover. You don't see the clear things in front of you and the people around you try to warn you by pruning the branches of your freely growing plant of love. They tell you that your supposed soulmate is an incorrigible liar, that they are untrustworthy and disloyal, and that they are only using you to further themselves. You give them the benefit of the doubt because you are so engulfed by this toxic emotion and you love the person causing it so much that a flower begins to blossom from within you.

This flower flourishes to be so bright, so vibrant and a palette of beautiful colours composed within you until one phone call changes it all. They tell you it's not your fault and that they wish things could be different, but they just aren't the right person for you and just like that in a matter of five minutes your whole world comes collapsing onto you like the weight of the universe has been thrust upon you. You feel numb and betrayed and the glass sculpture of love shatters before you. The fire that once burned inside you has been completely extinguished, and your heart is as cold as an iceberg. The flower that grew within you has been burnt to ashes and completely destroyed. Your heart is now riddled with bullet holes and you promise yourself to never fall in love again.

B Pepu (Sixth Form)

A moment that took me out of my comfort zone

That treacherous afternoon still haunts me to this very day, yet it was one of the greatest things that has ever happened to me. For years, I suffered with a fear that was easy to get over, yet I never knew how. My father's near-death experience brought me my freedom.

In my family, my father is notorious for pushing people to be their very best, even if it means inflicting trauma. He would always put himself into very troublesome situations. I remember when my father took my eldest brother to the zoo. My brother was terrified of snakes and refused to hold them, yet after some persuasion, he touched a snake for the first time. My father wrapped a python around his own neck and pretended it was choking him. I never understood him, yet his peculiar ways always managed to bring good things upon us. Now my brother is a famous snake handler.

It was a beautiful summer morning. The sky glimmered in its pink and orange beauty as the sun began to poke above the horizon. The house was filled with the scent of freshly baked scones and sizzling hot bacon. My father burst through the door to my room with a large fishing rod in his hand and a mischievous grin from ear to ear. "Son, we are going deep sea fishing today", he exclaimed, waking up the whole neighbourhood. I stood up from my bed in confusion, "Dad, I hate the ocean." He grabbed me by the arm and tugged me out of my room, "That's exactly why you're coming with me."

Eventually, without me even realising, my father and I were well over 20 kilometres away from shore. The salty scent of the ocean filled my lungs while the harsh rays of the sun flaked my skin. Slowly, I could feel the scones and bacon rush to my throat as the waves bashed against the boat.

I hated it.

My father peeped over the dashboard as I threw myself to the edge of the boat and blessed the fish with my father's phenomenal cooking. "Was my cooking really that bad?", my father asked. "Everything about the situation is bad", was what I exclaimed, when all of a sudden a rod began to go ballistic. My father began battling with what seemed like a mythological beast. Suddenly, the shaft of the rod went straight again and the tension was gone. Curiosity arose and my father leaned over the edge with the rod

in his hand and was jerked into the water when the fish began to pull again.

Without a second thought, I dove overboard and frantically began swimming towards my father. I grabbed him by the waist and made it back to the boat. I knew my father couldn't swim well and realised that I can easily get over my fear of the ocean, I just need to do it and not think about it. At that moment, I was far out of my comfort zone and will forever be grateful for my father bringing me there.

S Subreenduth (Sixth Form)



A Mlaba (Fourth Form)

FIFTH FORM

The light lingered, as if longing to stay

It had been just over three years. Three years of hell, torment and constant fear. Three years since the Germans had invaded and taken France.

It was January of 1917, and nothing had changed. Every day was a living hell, and every day we wondered who would be lucky enough to get to be taken from this hellish place. Who would be lucky enough to find a place of quiet, eternal peace.

Today was like any other. My restless night's sleep was disturbed by a German bombardment. Mud and sludge had covered me, soaking through my already damp clothes. I had tried to find somewhere dry to sleep, but that was a luxury these trenches did not offer. These trenches were just pits of sludge that would either swallow a man whole if he stepped off the plank walkway, or it would give him an infection. Rats controlled these trenches, nibbling on corpses of men who had not made it through the night, men who had died a slow, cold, lonely death. Those were the unlucky men. There were many who had had a swift, merciful death to a German rifle or machine gun.

However, death was not the worst thing found in the trenches. Soldiers' fingers or toes would fall off due to the cold, or the soles of their feet would rot because their feet were constantly wet in their boots. Many men had gone insane. None of that was worse than hearing your captain blow

his whistle though. The whistle that told you to leave your safety and run towards and into German bullets. The whistle that told you to expose yourself on no-man's-land. That whistle had been blown this morning.

We had to run through craters and over corpses, with some of us making it to the enemy's trench. Many soldiers did not though. The air was filled with the blood curdling screams of injured and dying men, alone out there... waiting to die...

Now, I was standing over the edge of a German trench. I dropped down into the sludge and began to walk, looking for any movement. It was still and quiet. Too still... Too quiet ... And then out of the corner of my eye, I saw him, but I did not react fast enough. A big, burly arm wrapped itself around my chest and I felt him sink a knife into my back with his other arm, before twisting and pulling it out. Before I could even react, I felt the knife coming round to my neck, where the cold, sharp blade glided across my throat. I tried to scream, but only a gurgle of blood bubbled out as I crumpled to the ground.

As I hit the ground, darkness started to surround me. It swallowed more and more of my vision and ate up any light I could see. The light lingered, as if longing to stay. I tried to will myself to stay, but I only sank deeper and deeper into the peaceful darkness around me.

J Gotte (Fifth Form)



W Parker (Fifth Form)

"Why would you do that?"

Reuben shrank in his seat, reliving his fury on the screen. The judge, jury members and everyone in the courtroom watched with a mix of disgust, horror and fury as Reuben berated Olivia in the empty school hallway. He dropped his gaze to his bound hands, knowing what was to come. Gasps arose from the audience when they saw him push Olivia to the ground, her head bouncing off the cement floor with a sickening thud. Some shuddered in disgust and others looked away, seeing Olivia's body slowly go limp on the floor as blood pooled around her head. Reuben could feel the rage emanating in the room as the final seconds of the CCTV showed him running away from the scene, leaving Olivia on the floor.

The prosecutor's lawyer shut off the footage as he made his way to the floor. "And that ladies and gentlemen is how 16-year-old Olivia Cartman died." His voice cut through the deafening silence of the court. His bony finger pointed at Reuben. "That boy murdered her in cold blood for the sin of reporting him for cheating on an exam." Reuben's eyesight went blurry, all his suppressed feelings boiling to the surface. Tears dropped on his cuffs, the ringing in his ears drowning out any other sound. His mind went to the small apartment he called home. Hours after pushing Olivia, the police found him. Two police cars had parked in front of the building while he hid in his room, praying that this was not real. Minutes later policemen entered his room with guns drawn and handcuffs ready.

As he was being led out of his room, wrists bound, he saw his mother in the kitchen with another officer. She was still in her nurse scrubs. The traces of their conversation formed a pit in his stomach: ... footage shown ...

assaulted ... critical condition..." but his mind zeroed in on a single word "died".

"Reuben!" the judges hoarse voice cut his memories short. He looked up at the judge with his gavel clenched in his hand. His gaze was hard and unyielding. "For the murder of Olivia Cartment, I sentence you to 25 years in prison." The gavel came down hard.

The courtroom erupted in chaos as the gods ripped Reuben from his chair. He could feel the hatred boring into him from the lawyers, the jury members. The few classmates that showed up cursed at him, as he made his way to the back of the courtroom. He could feel his heartbeat drumming against his ear, his blood coursing, his feet failing beneath him. His life was over.

Everything stilled, the curses silenced, when he was stopped at the door of the court. An older woman with tired eyes and reddened cheeks stared at him. Her gaze was strong, as if dissecting every single part of him. Her brown hair and tall stature were familiar to Reuben. This was Olivia's mother. He opened his mouth to apologise, say something, anything, but her gaze shushed him.

She hesitantly stepped forward and took his restrained hands in hers. "I don't want to be bound by hatred for you Reuben." She took a deep breath. "Even though I want to hate you, want to want you dead, want you to suffer, I won't... I forgive you."

These three words were enough to bring him to his feet. The sheer relief made him feel free of his chains.

"I forgive you."

F Kunene (Fifth Form)

The light lingered as if longing to stay

The first light of dawn spills gently over the horizon, painting the sky in strokes of rose and amber. The air is cool and alive, filled with the scent of dew-kissed grass and wild jasmine. I step onto the soft earth, and yet it yields beneath my feet like a mixture of soil, mist and promise.

The forest stirs slowly, like a sleepy giant, awakening from its slumber. The rustle of leaves whispers secrets only the wind can carry, and a gentle breeze that brushes against my skin, playful and cold. Birds begin their morning chorus – the sweet trill of robins, the soft cooing of doves, each note layered upon the next to form a living symphony. Somewhere in the distance, a stream murmurs, its water gliding over the smooth, eroded stones, a sound both soothing and eternal.

As I walk deeper, shafts of sunlight pierce through the canopy, scattering golden dust into the air. They fall on the moss-covered trunks and turn them into glowing pillars of green and gold. My fingers graze the rough bark of an ancient tree – its surface cool, textured and alive with tiny patterns carved by time and insects. A squirrel darts past, its tiny claws clicking against the wood as it disappears into a tangle of branches.

The forest floor is a mosaic of colours – russet leaves, emerald ferns, and the deep black of rich soil. When I crouch down, the earthy scent fills my lungs, grounding me. A butterfly, its wings painted in silver and sapphire, flutters past my face. For a moment, the world feels still, as if holding its breath in wonder.

As the sun climbs higher, the sounds of the forest blend into a rhythmic hum – the whispering leaves, the buzzing insects, the distant laughter of running water. It is a harmony untouched by human hands, or for now at least. Unfortunately, the destructive nature of mankind will one day overpower nature's resilience.

Soon the sun's golden rays will be blocked by skyscrapers. Soft earth will turn into busy streets. The rustle of leaves and the singing of birds will be replaced by the buzz of traffic. The ancient trees will transform into brick and mortar, and the forest floor will be concrete.

But for now, nature's light continues to linger, longing to stay.

A Naidoo (Fifth Form)

The light lingered, as if longing to stay

The rays of light pierced through the window blinds, giving warmth to a gloomy room that had the scent of antiseptic and fading hope. Machines hummed, measuring shallow breaths and the softening of heartbeats with each passing hour. Outside, the world buzzed with life, oblivious to the slow unfolding of a world contained within four sterile wards.

Sun sat beside the bed and began tracing small circles on her daughter's wrist. Star, her little girl, her light, lay under a sea of wires and sheets. Her chest rising and falling with a gentleness that felt borrowed from another life.

"It's time for a story", whispered Sun.

Star's eyes fluttered and her lips twitched into the ghost of a smile.

"There was once a brave girl who lived in a world full of stars. She had a sparkle of wonder in her heart and wings hidden beneath her skin, waiting to fly above the clouds," whispered Sun.

Star sighed and uttered, "I'd like that. To fly."

Sun noticed that the light in the room was slowly fading and asked, "What else would you like, my dear?"

Star gently looked at her mother and said, "I want to dance again. I want to feel the stage beneath my feet and let the music carry me like wind. I want to wear the pink tutu that papa bought for me and twirl on the kitchen floor while you cook spaghetti. I want to sing, loud enough for the world to hear me, loud enough that even the stars will listen..."

Sun clenched her fists but forced a smile while smoothing Star's curls away from her forehead.

"Sleep dear and when you wake, you'll be dancing," cried Sun as she kissed Star's fingers and pressed them against her palms.

The light in the sorrowful room had nearly faded. It lingered, as if it longed to stay.

Sun began to sing a lullaby woven from years of campfire stories, the unwrapping of Christmas presents in the morning, and hands that could catch Star every time she would fall.

Star's hands let go of her mother's grasp and the machines stopped humming.

Sun sang until the night, until there was nothing left in her voice, but the ache of a mother's heart.

"The light is no more, my light is no more..."

K Moodley (Fifth Form)

'Why do we fall? So that we can learn to pick ourselves up.' - Bruce Wayne, Batman Begins

Failure is an uninvited teacher, yet its lessons are the ones that persist the longest. For much of my life I had equated failure with weakness, believing that falling short somehow defined my worth. That illusion shattered the day I stumbled – both on the track and within myself.

It was the final heat of the provincial athletics trials. As a sprinter, I had poured countless months of relentless training into that very moment, each stride rehearsed to perfection. I could almost hear the sound of victory in my heartbeat. Yet halfway down the track, fate intervened – my foot slipped. My world tilted. I hit the ground with a thud that echoed louder than the roars of the crowd itself. My knees bled; my world burned. By the time I rose, the race was over.

That night, silence weighed heavier than defeat itself. I replayed the fall until my mind blurred with shame and disbelief. I wrestled with the question that every failure asks, "Was all that effort really worth it?" Slowly, the answer revealed itself, not with words, but with resolve. I discovered that falling is not the end, but the marking of a new beginning... A beginning of resilience.

A single moment of failure does not define a lifetime of potential.

I returned to training with new-found determination, more humble, steadier

and wiser. I stopped chasing perfection and started to pursue progress. Every early morning run, every aching muscle, every millisecond shaved off my time was a quiet victory. Months later, when I finally crossed that finish line first, my medal reflected redemption. The victory was not in winning, but in rising through adversity. I came to the realisation that resilience is forged in the furnace of defeat, that sometimes, you have to be broken in order to become stronger.

At that moment, I understood the wisdom behind the proverb, "Smooth seas do not make skilful sailors." My greatest lessons were born not from ease, but from struggle.

Failure no longer frightens me, it fortifies me. Every misstep has become a stepping stone, every fall a foundation. What once broke me, now builds me. My fall did not stop my journey, it shaped my journey, guiding me to become the person I am meant to be.

D Pillay (Fifth Form)



D Dodson (Second Form)

FOURTH FORM

The weight of one moment

It was a cold winter's day. I wheel myself over to the window, to remind myself of the joys of life – the trees and the breeze that blows calmly, rustling the leaves as it does. It is times like these, when the seconds seem to slow, that I can stop to think, think about what life could have been like if it wasn't for that day almost thirty years ago.

That year had been great so far. Everyone always said that grade ten was the best year of high school. I had a position in the choir, singing and dancing, a spot on the hockey team, and more importantly to me, my still functioning legs.

One day, we were headed to the hall leaving the playground behind to write our English essays for the term. I was laughing and talking with my friends as we walked. It was then that I felt something against my foot and the unmistakable sound of leather-on-leather contact. I had been tripped. The ground rushed up to meet me, and how I wish it had. Instead, my attempts to prevent my fall only changed my direction. My new course? The railing of the balcony.

I collided with the railing, and with the crack I knew I was in trouble. The old wooden beams gave way, clearing a path for my inevitable descent, all the way down the number of stories of the building we were in. I managed to capture a quick glance of my friends, seeing their shared expression of disbelief as I hurtled towards the ground.

Still looking out of the window, sitting in my wheelchair, I decide that it's been long enough. That I'm tired of holding onto this rage, that something so small resulted in my paralysis from the waist down. I forgive them, whoever it was that tripped me. I finally turn from the window, leaving the view of the first twinge of green that comes with spring as I depart.

Q Heyns (Fourth Form)

AFRIKAANSE SKRYFWERK

SIXTH FORM

In sy skadu

Ek het nog altyd gevoel asof ek in my ouer broer se skadu leef.

Hy was die een met die glimlag wat mense laat stilstaan het – die een wat altyd uitgeblyk het. Prefek. Topstudent. Sportster. Die trots van die familie.

En ek was maar net ek.

Toe hy sy universiteitsbrief ontvang het – 'n voorlopige aanvaarding, 'n volle jaar voordat ek self kon aansoek doen – het my ouers se gesigte van trots gestraal. Ek het saangelag, maar diep binne-in my het iets geknak. Ek het geweet my tyd sou ook kom, maar ek het ook geweet: die reaksie sou nooit dieselfde wees nie.

Toe my eie e-pos uiteindelik aankom, het my hande gebewe. My hart het wild geklop; ek het aan hoop vasgehou soos iemand wat in die donker na lig soek. En toe lees ek die woorde: "Ons is jammer om jou mee te deel..."

Skielik het alles in my stil geword.

My ma het my vasgehou en sag gesê dit was nie die einde van die wêreld nie – maar in haar oë het ek iets gesien wat sy nie wou wys nie – teleurstelling. My pa het net sy keel skoongemaak en gesê ek moet weer probeer. Ek het geweet hulle bedoel goed. Maar die stilte tussen ons het harder gepraat as enige woorde.

My broer het probeer troos. Hy het gesê ek moet net aanhou glo, dat alles met 'n rede gebeur. Maar dis maklik om hoop te hê as jy nog nooit misluk het nie.

Soms wonder ek of ek ooit uit sy skadu sal kan stap. Hy is die lig – helder, warm, onmiskenbaar. En ek? Ek is net die stilte agter hom.

Maar miskien is daar ook lig vir my. Nie so skerp of verblindend soos syne nie – dalk net 'n sagte gloed, 'n lig wat stadig groei. 'n Lig wat net vir my bedoel is.

Ek is nie my broer nie.

En miskien, net miskien, is dit genoeg.

T Ambler (Sixth Form)

Dié dag sal ek nooit vergeet nie.

Deur die trane in sy oë het ek 'n droom gesien wat gesmeek het om te oorleef. Dit was meer as waarvoor Kala in sy lewe gesmag het.

Met hulle lang, blonde hare kon die dorpsmense die twee broers, Johan en Kala, maklik uitken. In die klein dorpie, Skeletonbaai, het almal mekaar geken en almal het branderplank gery. Al die inwoners het ook geweet van die broers se doelwit om die grootste brander ooit te ry. Hulle het hierdie droom aangemoedig juis omdat Kala en Johan kinders leer branderplankry het.

Alhoewel die dorpsmense die broers se droom ondersteun het, het hulle die twee jongmans teen die gevare van die golwe gewaarsku. Nazare was 'n brander wat vyf en twintig meter hoog gestaan het en net een keer elke vyftig jaar gekom het. Die paadjie wat na die strand gelei het, het deur 'n tropiese woud met baie wilde diere gekronkel. Niemand kon hierdie golf net gaan ry nie en die broers het dit geweet.

As Kala se ouer broer kon Johan die motivering in sy broer se oë sien. Kala het iets binne-in hom gehad wat hom aangepor het om hierdie golf te ry. Johan kon dit nooit verstaan nie. Was dit die gevoel om op 'n brander te klim wat twee keer jou branderplank se lengte was? Die gevoel wanneer jy die brander 'n tunnel rondom jou sien maak of wanneer die brander jou vyf tot tien sekondes later aan sy einde uitspoeg. Is dit die gevoel waarna Kala gesoek het, het Johan gewonder. Dit was meer as dit. Dit was asof die doel om die grootste brander te ry, Kala se enigste rede was om te leef. Johan het geweet dat, wanneer die groot dag sou aanbreek om die brander te ry, Kala bereid sou wees om sy lewe daarvoor op te offer.

Twee weke voor die dag van die enorme golf aangebreek het, het die broers langs die woudpaadjie afgestap, op pad see toe. Eers het hulle 'n geritsel gehoor en ewe skielik "Eina!" Kala is deur 'n pofadder gebyt, 'n slang wat jou bloed laat stol. Hulle het geweet hulle moes sy voet met die byl wat hulle gebruik het om hulself teen wilde diere te verdedig, afkap, anders sou die gif versprei en Kala sou binne 'n uur dood wees. Johan het toe die byl opgetel. Terwyl hy in die tranerige oë van sy broer gekyk het, het hy sy lewendige droom gesien. Johan het geweet dat, as hy dit doen, dit Kala se droom sou kos. "Kap dit afl!" skree Kala. Gwa! Die klank het deur die hele woud weergalm.

Dit was die dag van die golf Nazare. Johan was reeds alleen in die water en die see was onstuimig. Ewe skielik, terwyl Johan nog die 30-meterhoë brander bewonder het, sien hy sy broer, besig om op die brander te klim. As gevolg van sy eie wilskrag en deurstellingsvermoë met die onderkant van sy been wat pyn, het Kala daardie dag die grootste brander in die wêreld gery. Kala het sy lewenslange doel bereik.

Niemand kon daardie brander se krag oorleef nie en Kala ook nie. Kala het as 'n legende gesterf. Johan het geweet dat hy daardie dag nooit sou vergeet nie.

W de Klerk (Sixth Form)



A Barnes (Sixth Form)

Ouma se koeksisters

Die geur van suikerstroop en kaneel is vir my die reuk van liefde. Dit is die reuk van haar kombuis, van haar verrimpelde hande en van my kinderdae. Dis 'n herinnering wat so diep in my geheue ingeprent is dat een teug daarvan my dadelik na daardie Saterdagoggend terugvoer.

Die son het deur die groot kombuisvenster geskyn en die stofdeeltjies in die lig laat dans. Maar die ware hitte het van die stoof af gekom, waar 'n groot pot stroop geborrel het. Ouma, met haar wit voorskoot en 'n doek om haar kop, het my bewegings dopgehou. "Moenie so haastig wees nie, kindjie," het sy gesê. Haar stem was hoorbaar bo die geprut van die pot. "n Koeksister verg geduld."

Ek het na haar opgekyk, my hande vol meel. Sy het my gewys hoe om die deeg uit te rol, hoe om dit in die perfekte reghoekige vorm te sny. Haar vingers, wat so broos gelyk het, was tog ongelooflik sterk en vaardig. Sy het vertel hoe háár ouma vir háár geleer het om te bak – stories wat verweef is met die geur en herinneringe van lank gelede. Die kombuis was nie net ‘n vertrek nie; dit was ‘n plek van geskiedenis en oorlewing.

Toe kom die magiese oomblik: die dans van die deeg in die warm olie en die sissende geluid as die stukkies goudbruin word. Ouma het hulle met ‘n tang uitgehaal en dadelik in die yskoue stroop gedoop. Die sissende geluid het in ‘n tevrede prut verander soos die koeksister die soetigheid ingesuij het. Toe gee sy vir my die eerste een. “Pas op, dis warm!” Maar ek kon nie wag nie. Die eerstebyt was ‘n ontploffing: die bros buitekant wat onder my tande meegegees het en die soet, kaneelgeurde stroop wat in my mond uitgeloop het. Dit was meer as net ‘n koekie. Dit was perfeksie. Dit was liefde.

Vandag, as die wêreld buite te hard en te koud voel, sluit ek my oë. Ek soek weer daardie geur, daardie warmte. Ouma is nie meer hier nie, maar in daardie herinnering bly sy lewendig. Haar lesse van geduld en liefde is in elke koeksister ingeweef, en in my hart. Dis nie net ‘n soet happie nie; dis ‘n erfenis.

C Mundell (Sixth Form)

My gedagtes op ‘n bladsy

As ek aan die einde van my skoolloopbaan kom, sit ek met ‘n pen in my hand en dink aan my wonderlike verlede, maar ook aan die groot, donker toekoms wat voor my staan. Ek het soveel vrae, maar die belangrikste is ...

Waar is die tyd heen?

Tyd glip deur my vingers en dit maak nie saak hoe styf ek dit probeer vashou nie, ek kan dit nie regkry nie. Die mure van Maritzburg College, eens ‘n vesting van veiligheid, voel nou soos ‘n afskeidsbrief. Elke oomblik voel soos die laaste – my laaste byeenkoms, my laaste les.

Tyd glip deur my vingers en ek mis die gemak van sekerheid. Ek mis die gevoel van behoort. Die gedagte om dit agter te laat, is skrikwekkend. Wat as ek nooit weer daardie gevoel van geborgenheid vind nie?

Tyd glip deur my vingers en universiteit belooft nuwe ervarings en nuwe uitdagings. Maar wat as ek nie gereed is nie? Wat as ek misluk? Die toekoms voel soos ‘n onbekende gebied. Dit is oorweldigend ... tog kan ek nie tyd keer nie.

Ek sit versteen.

Tyd glip deur my vingers, maar te midde van my vrees onthou ek dat ek nie alleen loop nie. God wat my deur elke struikelblok gelei het, sal my nie nou verlaat nie. Die Bybel het my geleer om nie by die verlede stil te staan nie. Die Here roep my vorentoe, nie agtertoe nie, en ek moet sy plan vertrou.

Waar is die tyd heen?

Miskien was dit nooit vir my bedoel om daaraan vas te hou nie. Miskien moes ek dit laat gaan en vorentoe stap, nie met vrees nie, maar met geloof! Die verlede het my gevorm, maar dit is die toekoms wat my sal definieer. Ek drink dus my koffie wat op die tafel staan en, vol hoop, gee ek my eerste tree vorentoe.

D Naidoo (Sixth Form)

Ek het nog nooit so geskrik nie

Ons almal onthou altyd daardie een angswekkende storie of gebeurtenis wat jou vir ewig sal bybly. Wel, ons gesinsvakansie verlede Desember sal vir altyd in my gedagtes ingeprent bly.

Ek, my ouers en suster het die lang pad na Kaapstad toe aangepak. Die motor was vol bagasie gelaai. Ek en my selfoon was tydens die rit onafskeidbaar.

My ouers het besluit om by ‘n padstal in die Karoo stil te hou om kos te koop. Ek en my suster het in die motor bly wag. Die vrolike ligte vakansie-atmosfeer het binne ‘n oogwink in ‘n nagmerrie oertaard.

Voor ek kon besef wat aangaan, het twee gewapende kapers in die motor gespring. My pa het die motorsleutels in die motor gelos. My suster het histeries begin skree. Ek kon nie ‘n enkele geluid uitkry nie en het my boeglam geskrik. My hart het in my keel geklop en ek wou van vrees opgooi.

Die kapers het gedreig om ons dood te maak. Ek en my suster het alles gedoen wat hulle beveel het. Hulle het met ons in die motor weggejaag. Dit was asof ‘n Hollywoodflik voor my oë afgespeel het.

Gou het ek besef dat ek ‘n plan moes beraam. Ongesiens het ek boodskappe op my selfoon begin uitstuur. Gelukkig het ek my selfoonfunksies uit my kop geken.

Die hele kaping was egter van korte duur, want soos blits het polisievoertuie en plaasbakkies op ons afgejaag gekom. Die plaasgemeenskap het ons te hulp gesnel. Die kapers het hulle Moses teëgekrom. Ek en my suster het van verligting gehuil, al was ons vakansie iets van die verlede.

J Sewlall (Sixth Form)

‘n Klein gebaar, ‘n groot inspirasie

Soms is dit die eenvoudigste gebare wat die grootste impak maak. Dit is daardie oomblikke – onverwags, onopgesmuk – wat ‘n mens se hele perspektief kan verander. Vir my het daardie oomblik in 2021 aangebreek toe ek as ‘n graad 8-leerder my plekkie by Maritzburg College probeer vind het.

Ek het met bewondering na James Beauclerk, die hoofprefek opgekyk – selfversekerd, gerespekteerd, ‘n leier in elke opsig. Ek, aan die ander kant, was net nog ‘n naamlose gesig in ‘n see van grys broeke.

Eendag, onverwags, het James na my toe gekom, sy hoofprefekdas losgemaak, afgehaal en dit in my hand geplaas. “Eendag gaan jy in my posisie wees,” het hy gesê. Toe stap hy weg, asof niks gebeur het nie.

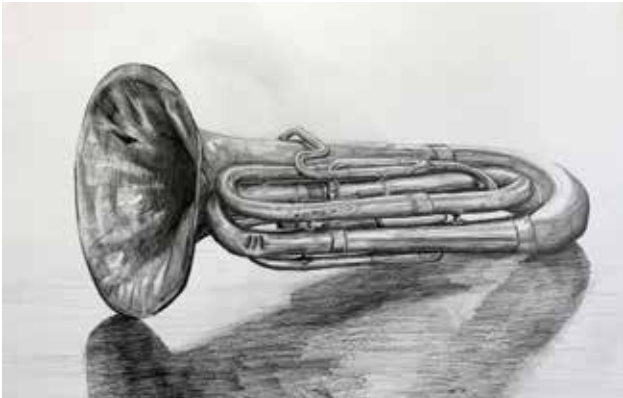
Ek het na die das in my hand gekyk – ‘n simbool van iets groter as ekself. Hoekom sou iemand soos hy in my glo terwyl ek self nog twyfel? Daardie vraag het by my bly vassteek. Dit was nie net ‘n das nie; dit was ‘n aanmoediging, ‘n bevestiging dat ek meer was as wat ek op daardie oomblik geglo het.

Van daardie dag af het ek harder gewerk, nie net akademies nie, maar ook aan hoe ek ander mense behandel het. Ek wou bewys dat ek die vertroue wat in my geplaas is, waardig was. Soos James wou ek die waardes van Maritzburg College utoeleef en ‘n leier wees wie se teenwoordigheid mense inspireer.

Alhoewel ek uiteindelik nie hoofprefek geword het nie, was ek trots om as adjunk-hoofprefek gekies te word. Maar belangriker as enige titel was die les wat ek geleer het: ware leierskap lê nie in ‘n das of ‘n posisie nie. Dit lê in die vermoë om ander te sien vir wat hulle kan wees, selfs voor hulle dit self besef.

Vandag dra ek steeds daardie das, nie as ‘n versiering nie, maar as ‘n herinnering. ‘n Herinnering dat ‘n enkele oomblik, ‘n enkele gebaar, ‘n lewende kan verander.

J Steyn (Sixth Form)



C Ender (Sixth Form)

Een van my moeilikste besluite

Ek onthou die dag toe ek voor ‘n nuwe kruispad in my lewende gestaan het. Daar het twee paaie voor my uitgestrek en ek moes ‘n besluit neem. Ek kon na my brein luister en die bekende pad kies of na my hart luister en die onbekende pad vol raaisels kies. Ek het my kompas van moed gebruik en die onbekende pad gekies. Hierdie pad het my na Maritzburg College toe gelei, die beroemde rooi, swart en wit.

Toe kom die storms. My eerste paar dae by die skool was soos ‘n koue wind wat my probeer wegwaai het. Ek het deur die gange soos ‘n reisiger sonder ‘n kaart gedwaal, omring deur onbekende gesigte. Party dae het dit gevoel asof ek in die reën loop, natgesweet en vol onsekerheid. Ek het bly loop, al was dit vir my moeilik om my voete te vind.

Daarna het die vuur gekom, nie om te verwoes nie, maar om te verander. Die vuur het my ou lewenspatroon verbrand en plek vir ‘n nuwe begin gemaak. Uit die as het iets wat ek nie verwag het nie, opgestyg. Ek het nuwe vriendskappe en broederskappe gevorm. Vriendskappe vol geluk en pret. Broederskappe wat vir ‘n leeftyd sal hou. Daarna het ek geweet dat ek nie net ‘n skool gevind het nie, maar ‘n tweede huis.

Ek weet dat die boek van my lewende ver van klaar is, maar ek weet die bladsye sal kleurvol wees omdat ek die pad van die lewende saam met hulle stap. Nou, wanneer ek terugdink aan daardie moeilike besluit, is ek so bly dat ek na my hart geluister het.

M Venter (Sixth Form)



J Tilbury (Sixth Form)

FIFTH FORM

Ek het dit nie gedoen nie ...

Ek het dit nie gedoen nie ...

Dit was ‘n blou Maandag, een van daardie dae wat ons almal se mae omgekrap het. Die woeste begin van die week se curricula na die uitsonderlike naweek se pret.

Ek was in my Afrikaansklas, net soos elke ander Maandag. In dieselfde potblou stoel, op dieselfde tyd. Alles was normaal ... tot die skrikwekkende hoof van dissipline by die klas se deur ingebars het. Hy was kalm, maar ons het geweet dat daar iets fout was. Hy het altyd die stout, snotneuskinders geroep, daarom was ek glad nie bekommerd nie. Toe hoor ek iets wat my amper van my stoel af laat val het: “Meneer Barnard, kom asseblief saam met my.”

Ek het gewens dat die aarde my sou insluk. Alle oë was op my gerig, net op my. Ek kon nie moed opgee nie en moes vir die beste hoop ... maar toe loop dinge vinnig skeef. Ek het my skoolsak vol boeke, of so het ek gedink, op die kantoorvloer neergesit, want die hoof wat saam in die kantoor was, het vir my sak gevra. Hoekom? Ek was skepties. Ek het egter nog steeds sy instruksie uitgevoer, want ek het geweet dat daar niks vreemds in my sak sou wees nie.

Hy het my sak oopgerits en vir ‘n rukkie nuuskierig daarin gekrap. Toe het een groen sakkie uitgekom. Toe nog een. Dit het so aangehou totdat

daar tien sakkies dwelms voor my gelê het. Die gevoel van skok en teleurstelling was onbeheerbaar, want ek het geweet – dit was nie ek nie. Ek het dit nie gedoen nie. Ek het probeer verduidelik, maar die bewyse was oorweldigend. Iemand het die dwelms in my sak geplant om my verdag te laat lyk. Dit sou die einde van my belowende skoolloopbaan beteken.

Ek wou net in trane van magteloosheid uitbars, toe my Afrikaansonderwyseres met ‘n foto in haar hand ingestap het. Dit het bewys dat ‘n seun die dwelms in my sak gedruk het. Dit was genoeg om my van alle blaam te vrywaar. Die skoolhoof en hoof van dissipline het uiteindelik besef dat ek dit nie gedoen het nie. Dit was nie ek nie.

B Barnard (Fifth Form)

Maak swaarkry ‘n mens sterker?

“Almal bly stil en luister na my!” Dadelik was almal doodstil en hul oë was op my gefokus. Ek het gedag niks kon my raak nie. Ek was een van die topspelers in my span en het gedink niemand kon my stuit nie. Dit was hoe groot my ego was voordat ek een van die grootste struikelblokke in my lewende teëgekrom het.

8 Maart was die groot dag van my rugbyloopbaan: rugbyproewe vir die skool se A-span! Omdat ek elke jaar dié span met gemak gehaal het, het ek nie eens getwyfel dat ek ‘n lid van die span sou wees nie. Op daardie dag was die proefwedstryde uitdagend, maar daar was ook iets verkeerd met my. My spel was teleurstellend – dit was asof die ander spelers net beter geword het.

Die Maandagoggend was yskoud. Ek het die hele oggend ‘n onrusbarende gevoel van spanning op die krop van my maag gehad. Die lys van spelers het teen pouse op die kennisgewingbord verskyn, maar ek kon my naam nie vind nie! Die wete dat ek nie goed genoeg was nie, het my platgeslaan. Ek moes ‘n besluit neem – ‘n besluit wat my hele lewende sou verander.

Ek moes eers my eie karakter ondersoek om uit te vind wie ek as mens is. Die besef dat ek baie arrogant was en daadwerklik iets moes doen om hierdie houding te verander, het in my posgevat. Dit was een van die moeilikste tye in my lewende! Elke liewe oggend het ek vroeg opgestaan om in die gimnasium te oefen. Na rugby-oefening het ek ook elke dag agtergebly om nog meer te oefen. Ek het vir maande aaneen geoefen en swaarder as ooit tevore gekry.

Ek het deurstellingsvermoë aan die dag gelê, bloed gesweet en soms vele trane gestort, maar ek is weer vir die A-span gekies en het selfs die KwaZulu-Natal-span gehaal. Hierdie ondervinding het my ‘n dure les gegee: Swaarkry is positief, want dit maak van jou ‘n sterker mens!

T Boshoff (Fifth Form)



E Hunter-Smith (Fourth Form)

Ek maak 'n belofte ...

Hier sit ek nou. My hande styf om my lyf, my oë blink, my asemhaling haastig en my hart stukkend. Wat het ek verkeerd gedoen? Hoekom is juis ek gekies? Die lewe is werklik nie regverdig nie. Hy tel jou op en dan gooi hy jou weer neer.

Ek is moeg ...

Ek is en was nog altyd 'n gelukkige seun, dankbaar oor alles wat ek het. Maar ek het tog altyd gewonder hoe dit moet voel om ryk te wees. Gewonder hoe dit voel om baie presente vir Kersfees en op verjaarsdae te ontvang, maar nee.

Hier sit ek nou, besig om 'n lewe vir myself te skep. Besig om te skop en te stoei vir wat ek dink ek verdien, wat my familie verdien. Die paadjie word nouer, die lig moeiliker om te sien ... maar ons bly stap. Van slapelose nagte oor mense wat my in die steek gelaat het, kan ek nie gaan lê nie. Ek moet sterk staan.

Ek het 'n belofte gemaak. 'n Belofte aan myself. 'n Belofte aan my familie. Ek gaan nie lê nie, ek sal opstaan en aangaan, want die tyd staan nie stil nie. Dit wag nie vir ons om klaar te huil nie. Ek staan dus op en hou my belofte naby aan my hart. Ek sal aanhou.

My glimlag skyn nie meer so helder nie. Swaarkry is nie vir lafaards nie. Ek werk hard. Ek doen my bes. Elke dag is 'n stappie in die regte rigting, 'n treetjie na 'n helderder toekoms. Ek sal nie moed opgee nie.

Mammie ... Boetie ... Ouma en Oupa, ek sal julle nie in die steek laat nie. Ek sal julle trots maak.

JP Jordaan (Fifth Form)

Toe ek nog 'n kind was ...

Hierdie boodskap is aan my kleinkind gerig om haar van die wonderdae van lank gelede te vertel.

Ek is jammer, my kind. Ek is jammer dat ons die wêreld van jou gesteel het. Ek is jammer dat ek nie harder vir jou geveg het nie. Ek voel soos 'n monster, want jy sal nooit eers 'n renoster of 'n kameelperd sien nie. Al wat van hulle oor is, is prente in boeke wat jou nie die volle beeld van hierdie wonderwerk gee nie.

Ek is jammer dat jy met 'n masker skool toe moet gaan, want die lug is vol giftige gasse. Net omdat ons 'n goedkoop paar tekkies of 'n hemp wou hê. Ek is jammer dat ons al jou stroompies en valleie in rommelhope verander het en jou woude en graslande vir luukse gholfbane verruil het. Dit is tragies dat jy na 'n museum toe moet gaan om na 'n boom te kyk. Dit is hartseer dat daar stories vertel moet word dat die see blou en nie bruin was nie, dat die lug skoon was, dat die son bedags geel geskitter het met die wit spikkels van die maan en sterre in die nag.

Ek is jammer dat jy dit nooit sal sien nie omdat ons 'n blinde oog gedraai het. Nou word jy aanhoudend siek oor al die plastiek in ons kos – dieselfde plastiek wat ons in die see gegooi het. Dit was eers die diere en nou ons.

My grootste wens vir jou is dat jy dalk eendag sal kan weet hoe die wind teen jou gesig voel en die groen gras tussen jou tone. Dis seker te veel gevra, want ons het jou lewe van jou af gesteel.

I Lindeque (Fifth Form)

Tipe Spore

Spore diep en vlak getrap
oor onse vlaktes
mense vind diere van alle kleure
wat diep trap en ander dan nie.
So is die lewe ook –
sekere mense is buffels,
onbeskof en groot,
hul trap diep maar los klein spore.
Ander weer soos 'n leeu,
sterk, magtig en standvastig,

hulle is kleiner maar los groter spore
op die hart van die bosveld.
Dan kry mens die olifant,
die wyse reuse met al die antwoorde,
met hul groot pote
trap hulle reuse spore in ons lewens
al is hul net vlak.
So los elke dier
lank na hul vertrek het
sy eie merk op die bosveld

So ook los die mens 'n merk op die lewe.

I Lindeque (Fifth Form)

Die wortel van alle kwaad

Die rekenaar kyk na my ... Ek kyk terug.

Elke dag sit ek voor die rekenaar. Die skerm is blou, soms wit, soms swart. Dit voel asof die rekenaar my oë steel. Ek tik, ek klik, ek wag. Maar binne-in my is daar stilte, 'n koue stilte.

Ek onthou hoe gelukkig ek was. Ek het gespeel, gelag, geleef. Nou leef ek net in die lig van die skerm. Ure gaan verby. Minute word ure. Ek voel leeg, leër as die swart agtergrond van die skerm.

Ek probeer om weg te loop. Ek probeer buite sit. Maar die rekenaar roep weer. Ek gaan terug. Ek tik weer. Ek soek na iets, ek weet nie wat nie. Oor en oor. Altyd weer en weer. Aanhoudend.

Die boodskappe kom. "Jy is nikswerd." Ek lees dit. Ek glo dit. Ek voel dit. Die woorde steek dieper as messe. Die rekenaar praat, al is dit net letters.

Eers sny ek liggies. Dan harder. Dan meer. My mou is lank, maar die pyn duur langer. Ek glimlag, maar binne-in my skree ek. Ek lag, maar innerlik huil ek.

Die rekenaar is soos 'n spieël. Hy wys nie vir my wie ek is nie, maar wie ek nie is nie. Donker. Koud. Verlore.

Tot die laaste dag. Ek sit weer voor die skerm. Die bottel lê oop voor my, die skerm verlig my gesig. Ek drink. Ek wag. Ek voel niks nie. Net lig. Net donker. Net stilte. My oë raak swaar ... My asemhaling verflou ... Die lig word donker. En toe is daar niks nie. Ek dryf weg in die donker dieptes van duisternis ...

A Naidoo (Fifth Form)



B Abraham (Second Form)

Die kosbare veld

Om die veld te besoek, bring sterk herinneringe uit my kinderjare terug. Sodra ek hierdie bekende plek binnekom, onthou ek oomblikke wat so helder is soos die kleure rondom om. Die lug ruik vaagweg na jasmyn en gebrande hooi wat my aan warm middae saam met vriende en familie herinner.

Terwyl ek deur die veld stap, kan ek die gelag en gesprekke van daardie spesiale tye amper hoor. Die ou bankies, die kleurvolle prentjies op die hekke en die sagte geritsel van blare wat oor die grond gestrooi is, laat dit knus en verwelkomend voel. Elke plek het 'n herinnering, of dit die tyd was toe ek leer fietsry het, of al die wegkruipertjie-speletjies wat ek onder die lewensgrote windmeul gespeel het.

Dit voel asof hierdie plek 'n katkis is wat stukkie van my kinderjare soos kosbare juwele bevat. Ek hou dikwels stil en laat die sonlig deur die blare filtreer en speelse skaduwees werp wat lyk asof dit ritmies saam met my herinneringe dans. Hierdie veld is meer as net 'n plek.

Dit bevat my geskiedenis, vol van die geluk van jonkwees. Die besienswaardighede en klanke laat my na daardie eenvoudiger tye verlang ... Hoe kon ek nie na die dae toe die lewe so lig en sorgvry gevoel het, verlang nie? In hierdie merkwaardige veld vind ek troos in nostalgie. Dit is 'n sagte gedagte aan die skoonheid van herinneringe wat binne-in my voortleef.

Dit is 'n spieël wat nie net weerspieël waar ek was nie, maar ook wie ek geword het. Die fluisteringe van die verlede bly luierend hier, en nooi my uit om vergete vreugdes en kosbare oomblikke wat my vroegste drome gevorm het, te herontdek.

D Pillay (Fifth Form)

Ek het dit nie gedoen nie

Dit was nie ek nie. Ek het dit nie gedoen nie! Die regter kyk na my asof ek 'n leuen vertel het. Ek smeek: "Asseblief, dit was my tweelingbroer."

Toe ons kinders was, het my tweelingbroer my altyd vir alles blameer. Soos die keer toe hy die televisie gebreek het en my ma my gestraf het. Of toe hy in graad een 'n meisie geboelie het en vir die onderwyser gesê het dat dit ek was. Toe ons ouer was, het hy my blameer toe hy die spoedperk oorskry het, my identiteitsdokument gebruik het en die polisie hom gevang het.

Nou is dit ernstig. Ek is vir die moord op 'n man gearresteer. Die getuie sê dit was ek, maar ek weet dit was my broer. Ek sien die man se vrou – sy huil in haar hande. Ek is kwaad vir my broer, want hy het 'n baie slegte ding gedoen. 'n Man in 'n pak klere langs my staan op en sê: "Regter, my kliënt het 'n geestesongesteldheid. Hy weet nie wat hy gedoen het nie. Hy het hulp nodig, asseblief. Ek staan op en skreeu: "Ek het nie hulp nodig nie. Ek is normaal. My broer het die man vermoor. Dit was nie ek nie." Die regter kyk na my. "Meneer, jy het nie 'n broer nie." "Wat ...?" skree ek.

"Dit was nie ek nie! Ek het dit nie gedoen nie," fluister ek terwyl hulle my in die groot wit gebou insleep. Ek kyk na die naam teen die muur: "Geesteshospitaal". "Dit was nie ek nie. Ek het dit nie gedoen nie ..."

V Ramdeen (Fifth Form)

Maskers

Wat is 'n masker? 'n Masker is 'n voorwerp wat gebruik word om mense se ware gesigte weg te steek. Dit is letterlik wat 'n masker is, maar ... figuurlik is dit iets wat mense dra om weg te steek hoe hulle rêrig voel. Almal het hulle eie maskers.

In my lewe het ek myne al baie gebruik. Soveel keer kom ek agter wanneer iemand anders hulle s'n gebruik. 'n Masker wys nie net enige emosie of gesigsuitdrukking nie. Dit wys die persoon wie jy eintlik wil wees. Hoe jy wil voel en hoe jy jouself elke dag wil hanteer.

Elke donker tyd in jou lewe maak jou masker dikker en dikker. Dit raak moeiliker om dit af te haal. Elke keer wanneer dit gebruik word, word 'n stukkie van wie jy regtig is, afgebreek en verloor. Dit is maklik om dit weer en weer aan te sit, maar, elke keer wanneer jy dit doen, raak die pad terug na jouself toe langer en langer.

Die masker is iets wat ons gebruik om van ons vrese weg te hardloop. Jy moet altyd onthou om nooit jou masker te veel te gebruik nie, anders sal jy jouself heeltemal verloor.

Haal jou masker af. Staar sterk teen die vrese van die wêreld. Aan die einde sal jy altyd as 'n beter persoon uitstaan. Die persoon wat op jou masker is.

R Badenhorst (Fourth Form)

'n Beter mens

Pieter, dit is die naam van die kind wat my daagliks spot oor my pa wat onlangs oorlede is. Ek het meestal stilgebly, maar sy woorde het my baie seergemaak.

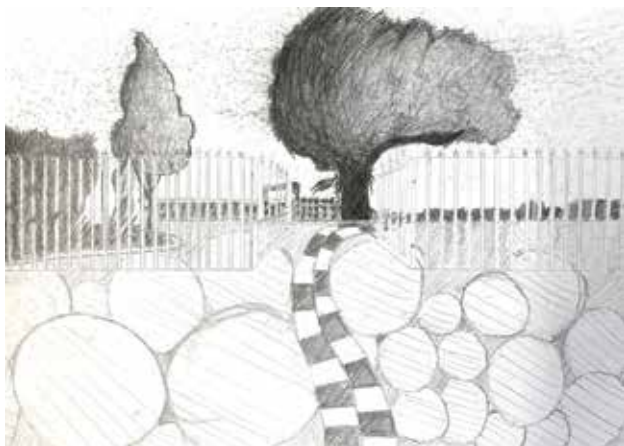
Verlede week het Pieter oorboord gegaan. Sy woorde het daardie dag seerder gemaak en hy het my venynig gespot. Ek kon net nie meer stilbly terwyl sy woorde oor my pa my só seergemaak het nie. Ek wou hom slaan. Net een keer sodat hy vir altyd sou stilbly. Terwyl ek hom genader het, het 'n stem skielik in my gedagtes geskree: "STOP!"

Op daardie oomblik het ek doodstil gaan staan en vir myself gesê: Is dit die moeite werd? Is dit die moeite werd om my beurs te verloor deur vir Pieter te slaan? Wat sou my pa wou hê ek moes doen? Al hierdie vrae het my laat dink oor wat ek aan Pieter wou doen.

Dit het my laat besef dat ek hom nie moes slaan nie. Dit is nie wat my pa sou wou hê nie. Terwyl ek en Pieter vir mekaar gekyk het, het ek besluit om 'n beter mens te wees en net weg te loop. Dit was die volwasse ding om te doen.

Van toe af het Pieter natuurlik aangehou met sy boeliegedrag, maar elke keer as sy woorde my seermaak, het ek my pa hoor sê: "Stop, Dink, Doen". Iemand soos Pieter moet geïgnoreer word, want sulke mense is nooit die moeite werd nie.

D Dry (Fourth Form)



C Smythe (Second Form)

Die broederskappe van Maritzburg College

Ek onthou die dag toe ek voor my nuwe skool, Maritzburg College, gestaan het. Ek het na die groot geboue gestaar en my hart was gespanne en onseker. Ek het dié skool ingevaar sonder om te weet wat om te verwag.

Die skool het soos 'n stad gevoel en ek het rigtingloos deur die gange gedwaal. Party dae het dit gevoel asof ek in die reën loop, natgesweet van onsekerheid en omring deur onbekende gesigte.

Ek het egter gou my voete gevind en geleer dat die broederskap in hierdie skool ongelooflik is. Dit het nie saak gemaak uit watter kultuur of agtergrond jy gekom het nie, want almal het mekaar ondersteun. Of dit nou in die klaskamer of op die sportveld was, almal het my gehelp. Die tradisies op Saterdag gedurende die sportseisoen is ook iets wat ek nog nooit ervaar het nie.

Ek het vriendskappe vol geluk en pret gevorm en broederskappe wat vir 'n leeftyd sou hou. My broers het my geleer om met eerlikheid en integriteit te lewe en het my in die persoon wat ek vandag is, gevorm. Ek het nie net 'n skool gevind nie, maar ook 'n tweede huis.

As ek nou teruggedink aan die dag toe ek voor die skool gestaan het, kan ek nie help om te glimlag nie, want aan die einde van die dag het alles perfek uitgewerk.

M Venter (Fourth Form)



ISIZULU IMIBHALO YOKUZIQAMBELA

Kwakunzima ngizithola endaweni engingayazi

Ukuzithola ungazazi ukuthi ulaphi kujwayele ukuba nzima kakhulukazi uma usendaweni engajwayelekile.

Ngelinye ilanga ngifeze iphupho lami lokuya kwelinye izwe elibizwa nge Spain. BekuwuMgqibelo ngesikhathi ngihamba. Izikhwama zami ngizipakishe bese ngiqoqele ukuhamba.

Ngifike eSpain ngosuku olulandelayo emini. Ngesikhathi ngiphuma kwibhanoyi, angipholisanga maseko. Ngiye ngqo kwindawo yokuthatha izikhwama kodwa ngafica inkinga enkulu. Umuntu onikeza izikhwama ungitshele ukuthi isikhwama sami asikho. Sithathe amahora amabili sizama ukubheka isikhwama kodwa asitholanga lutho.

Ngikhethe ukuphuma eSpain International Airport kodwa emva kwesikhashana, ngikhumbule ukuthi ngisendaweni engingayazi. Besengingedwa ngaleso sikhathi, ngingasaboni ukuthi bengizobuyela kanjani emuva uma ngingazi nokuthi kuyiwa kuphi. Bengingakwazi nokusebenzisa i-GPS ngoba umakhalekhukhwini ubungenayo impilo. Ngizame ukuthola usizo kubantu abayisikhombisa kodwa bekungekho noyedwa okwazi ukukhuluma isiNgisi. Ngizame nokukhuluma isiZulu kodwa akusebenzanga.

Emuva kokuzama, bengiqala ukucabanga ukuthi ngeke ngithole usizo futhi bekuqala ukuba mnyama phandle. Ngenhlanhla yami, ngibone insizwa ebonile ukuthi angazi ukuthi ngiyaphi. Ungibuze ukuthi nginjani bese ngamtshela ukuthi ngilahlekile. Ebekwazi ukukhuluma isiNgisi. Ungisize ngokungitholela ihhotela.

Ukuzibona endaweni ongayazi kunzima kakhulu ngoba kulula ukulahleka. Bengizizwa ngisaba kodwa bengijabule ngokuthola usizo. Ngifunde ukuthi kumele ufunde ulimi lwamanye amazwe.

M Mfusi (Sixth Form)

Kwakunzima ngizithola endaweni engingayazi

Ilanga laselehla ngisavakashe kamngani wami, uSipho, omude sengathi indlulamithi. Isizathu esenza ukuthi ngimvakashele kwakungoba wayeyedwa kubo, ezenzela akufisayo, ngesikhathi sakhe.

Usuku lonke sisidwa sasifinya ngendololwane, intake ibekelwe amazolo. Lokhu kujabula kwenza ngingasinaki isikhathi, ngathi uma ngisibheka amathe abuyela kwasifuba, kwaphela ubumnandi. Ngangisabela ukuthethiswa endlini ngoba kwakuthiwe ngibuye kungakahlwa. Angibange ngisapholisa amaseko, ngathatha izimpahla zami ngagoduka.

Amagama okugcina engawezwa kuSipho ayethi hamba juba bayokuchutha phambili engikhuza ethi kungcono ngisale sengilala kubo, sekumnyama phandle. Lawa mazwi ngawakhubula kahle endleleni sekubuya ingqondo kahle nganaa ukuthi ngigibele itekisi ebekungafanele ngiligibele.

Ngase ngisaba nokusho kumshayeli, ngibulawa amahloni. Ngehla nabokuqala abehla, nemali engayikhokha angisayikhumbuli, ingqondo yami isaphazeke yonke indawo. Ngajikisa ikhanda Kabili, kathathu ngabona ngempela ukuthingidukile. Ngangilokhu ngidliwa isaga enhliziyweni yami esithi, “uzenzela akakhalelwa kukhalelwa uzumekile.”

Kumane kwehla izihlathi kumina ngingazi ukuthi ngizokwenze njani. Okubi kakhulu ukuthi nomakhalekhukhwini wawusuphelelwe Amandla. Kwabuya amazwi ayeshiwo ubaba athi “ubudoda abukhulelwa.” Ngadla amathambo engqondo, ngacabanga ukuthi kahle kahle kumele ngenzenjani ukuze ngiphume kule nyakanyaka. Ngadonsa umoya, ngabamba izingqa, ngathola Amandla okucela okade edlula ukuthi angithintise abasekhaya, waqale wanqaba kodwa ngamuchazela ngobunzima engikubona.

Nangenhlanhla ubaba wagcina ephendulile, waqala ngokuthetha kodwa ngachaza ngephutha engilenzile. Wafika ngokuphazima kweso, ngisizwe ilo ongiboleke umakhalekhukhwini ngokuthi angichazele indawo ekade ngikuyona. Ngathi ngifika emotweni nqaqala ngamazwi athi, “yobe, ayidle izishiyele...”

LN Mkhize (Sixth Form)

Ukuvumela intukuthelo kwangifaka enkingeni

Ngakhuliswa ngenhlonipho ekhaya okuyikwa Nongoma lapho engakhulela khona ngikhuliswa ngubaba. Wayengumuntu onolaka uma kukhona okushaya indiva, kuke kuthiwe ufuzo luyedlulela.

Ngakhula ngihlonipha omdala nomncane kodwa ngangingamuvumeli umuntu angibukele phansi noma angidelele ngoba kwakwenza ngizizwe ngingahloniphekile. Ngakho-ke uma kukhona okwangenza ngizizwe ngalendlela ngangizangithukuthela kakhulu ngigane unwabu.

Esikoleni engafunda kuso eHhashini ngangithandana nentokazi enguphuma Langa sikotho uthando lwami lwaluza luyimpophoma kuye, igama lale ntokazi kwakungu Kholeka. Izinsizwa zesikole sami zazingazibekile phansi kuye zizama ukumeshela mihla namalanga lokhu babevamisa ukukwenza uma ngigekho eduze kwakhe ngenxa yokuthi babengesaba.

Ngelinye isonto kwafika umkhapheyana omusha esikoleni uBonga. Le nsizwa yathi uma iphosa iso kuKholeka yeqiwa imizwa yothando. Sathi siphuma isikole ngolwesihlanu uBonga wayesemulinde esangweni uKholeka engabe esameshela, wayethi ubeka amagama akhe ebika uthando lwakhe, uKholeko engabe ukuqoma le nkulumo engafuni nokuyizwa. Kwakuyimi lo owayeme ngaphansi kwesihlahla ngibuka yonke into. Kwathi kusenjalo ubonga wabamba. uKholeka isandla ngenkani futhi ngolaka, womdonsa wamsondeza kuye wabese umnika isinqandamathe. Yimi lowo ngigxuma ngenkulu intukuthelo ngithi zinyawo zami ngibeletha ngiqonde kule nsizwa. Ngathi ngifika kuye ngangabe ngisabuza imibuzo ngabe sengisiphosa isibhakela esamushaya waphoseka le kude lapho woshayeka khona etsheni eshayeka ekhanda.

Le ndawo ashayeka kuyo yayibucayi kakhulu ngoba washayeka wathula wangabe esanyakaza Emuva kwenzinsuku ezintathu ngezwa kuthiwa uBonga usedlulile emhlabeni yingoba walimala ekhanda wophela igazi ngaphakathi. Ngabe sengiboshwa ngenza umatikuletsheni amaphupho ami ashabalala.

K Ncengwa (Sixth Form)

Kwakunzima ngizithola endaweni engingayazi

Ngavuka ngethukile, ngathi uma ngibheka ngaphandle kwefasitela ngabona ukuthi kwakusempompondo zankomo. Le ndawo engangikuyo ngangingayazi, kanti futhi ngangidla impundu ngokwenzeke izolo ngize ngifike lapha.

Ikhanda laliduma upotiyane, nomzimba nawo wawubhulungu, ngingakwazi ukunyakaza. Emva kwesikhathi wabuya umqondo, ngakhumbula ukuthi ngayizolo ngaphuza amanzi engangiwanikwe indoda engangingayazi. Lokhu kwangiganisa unwabu njengoba sengizithola endaweni engingayazi. Ngokuphazima kweso ngafikelwa umqondo wokuthi ngiphume kule ndawo.

Ngasukuma ngesivinini, ngadla amathambo engqondo ngesu lokuphuma. Ngaqonda esicabheni, ngathi ngizama ukusivula, ngathola ukuthi sikhiyiwe. Kwase kushodi ifasitela. Ngathola ukuthi ifasitela alivuleki, ngase ngikhumula isicathulo sami, ngasijikela efasiteleni kathathu mande liphihlike. Angipholisanga maseko, ngabuyisela isicathulo ngase ngiphuma kuleya ndlu.

Sasingekho ngisho isikhathi sokudla amathambo engqondo ngetulo lokuthi ngangizoyaphi ngavele ngadla phansi. Emva kwesikhathi, ngama phansi kwesihlahla ngakhokha amandla. Lokhu kwanginika isikhathi sokucabanga ngiphinde ngibukisise le ndawo. Ibhodi elalinenkombandlela yale ndawo langitshela ukuthi ngiseduze kwesiteshi samaphoyisa. Ngabhekisa amehlo ngemuva ngabona ukuthi kukhona indoda eyayiza ngqo kumina kushunqa izintuli.

Ngathuka kakhulu, ngathi zinyawo zami ngibeletha ngiqonde kwabaka sidlodlo. Akuphelanga sikhathi, ngezwa le ndoda isihfuzela okwakusho ukuthi yayisezithendeni zami. Ngathokoza sengisondele ngasesiteshini kodwa sengisemnyango nje le ndoda yangibamba. Yakhapha insabula yangigwaza kaningana nje. Le ndoda yabe isidla phansi yangishiya ngikhihla esikaNandi njengoba phela yayizolala ibaliwe ngesenzo sayo. Ngasala dengwane kanjalo.

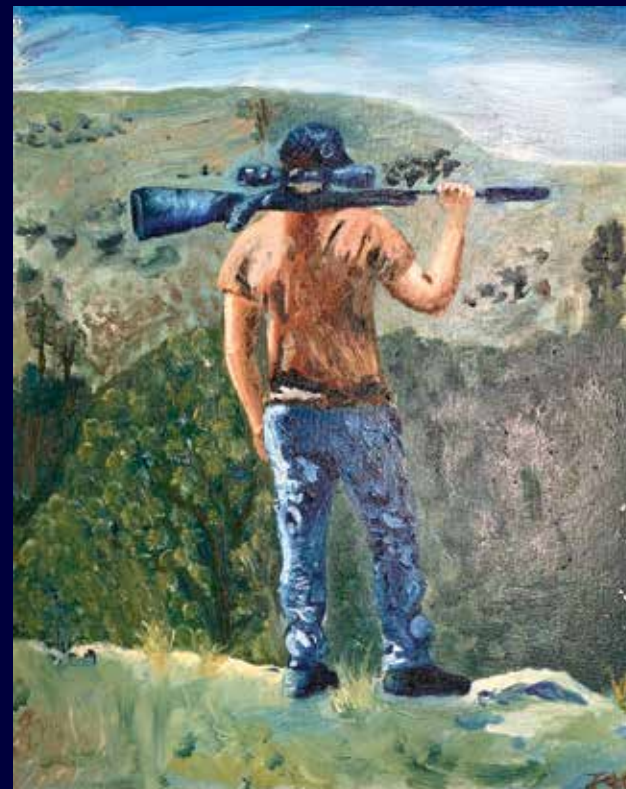
K Phungula (Sixth Form)



D Bornman (Fourth Form)



F Kunene (Fifth Form)



J Craig (Fifth Form)



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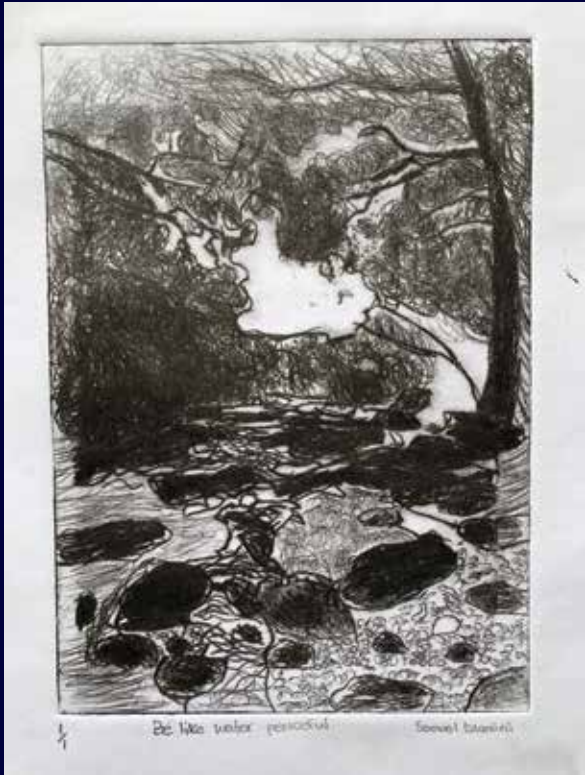
R Cassim (Fourth Form)



N Seakeco (Fifth Form)



M Msimango (Fifth Form)



S Dlamini (Fourth Form)



S Dzanibe (Sixth Form)

CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC



School Choir

Back row: S Dlamini, E Sobwe, N Mntungwa, A Hampshire, Q Heyns, SA Gumbi, M Barnardo, M Myaka, C Zondi
Fourth row: L Buthelezi, S Zondi, A Hlongwa, A Myeni, L Wassink, S Mazibuko, P Mzulwini, N Moyo, S Shabalala, SS Gumbi
Third row: B James, J Planteau De Maroussem, B Makhaye, P Zikalala, D Berner, A Madlala, S Gwala, N Ntuli, S Makhaye, S Msomi
Second row: S Danisa, A Kunene, M Nzama, M Vava, M Msimango, A Ngcobo, K Mkhwane, Z Vava, L Dlamini, G Mnyaiza
Front row: A Mkhize, A Hlophe, Mr J Heyns, L Luthuli (captain), Mr T Tshale, B Pepu, Mr D Solomon, M Mfusi, Q Ngubane



Jazz Band

Back row: E Hunter-Smith, L-J Lewis, D Colenbrander, G Jordan
Fourth row: A Hampshire, L Phakathi, A Myeni, N Khanye, S Dlamini
Third row: T Pillay, J Knock, F Venniker, L Mkhize, P Desebrook
Second row: C Frank, T Chikowero, N Vengai, E Vengai
Front row: K Khawula, N Mntungwa, E Mitewu (captain), Mr D Solomon, J Drimie, B Zitumane, S Redlinghuys
Absent: S Mkhize, J Thomas



Gospel Choir

Back row: N Moyo, S Gumbi, M Barnardo, A Hampshire, M Myaka, S Shabalala
Second row: G Mnyaiza, Z Vava, E Gwala, P Zikalala, N Ntuli, B Zakwe
Front row: B Pepu, B Hlophe, S Mchunu (captain), Mr M Ngcobo, L Luthuli (vice-captain), C Zondi, L Ngubane
Absent: I Zwane, A Zuma, Z Mabunda, N Daniel

The Gospel Choir enjoyed a successful and inspiring year in 2025. The season began with enthusiastic auditions that revealed remarkable new talent, bringing the choir to a strong total of 22 dedicated members. Under the committed leadership of S Mchunu (captain) and L Luthuli (vice-captain), the choir continued to grow in musicality, confidence and unity.

The choir displayed both skill and spirit. An outreach visit was made to the Isabel Beardmore Home for the Aged, where the boys shared music and uplifted residents through song. They also proudly attended the GHS Gospel Choir Evening, strengthening bonds with fellow young musicians.

Within our school community, the choir performed at school assemblies, Happiness Week, the St Nicholas Gospel Choir Evening, and the Prestige Concert, with each performance reflecting dedication and refined vocal discipline. A major highlight of the year was hosting our annual Gospel Choir Evening at which ten schools were invited to perform. This event, held in collaboration with GHS, drew an impressive audience of over a thousand people in the Alan Paton Memorial Hall.

The year concluded with the Music Dinner, an excellent event that acknowledged the hard work and enthusiasm of all involved.

Mr M Ngcobo



Jazz Ensemble

Back row: E Vengai, J Knock, N Vengai
Front row: L-J Lewis, E Mitewu (captain), Mr D Solomon, S Dlamini

Music

The Maritzburg College Music Department has had an excellent year, which is a testament to the hard work, dedication and abilities of the boys and staff in the department. It has been an exceptionally busy year, but the school bands, choir and school groups have remained on top of every challenge, giving outstanding performances at every opportunity.

We bid a sad farewell to Mr Jacques Linde, our choir master, at the end of the first term when he returned to the Drakensburg Boys Choir School. He left an indelible mark on the choir during his short time at College, working hard with the boys to reach the best of their potential. In his place, we welcomed Mr Thabang Tshale, who joined the staff from Johannesburg.

The different school music groups have put in a huge amount of work to deliver outstanding performances at every opportunity this year. Notable events of the year were the Valentine's concert with GHS, the Thomas More Choir Fusion event, the Epworth Dance Review, the ATKV choir competition, the KZN Schools Jazz Festival, our cultural inter-school exchanges, the performances of the Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble in the Pietermaritzburg Music Eisteddfod, the Eston Show, the school production of *Oliver!*, the Prestige concert, the Hilton Arts Festival, and the annual Christmas Carol concert. Overall, an extremely busy schedule. At every event, College boys were commended for their performances and good manners.

Mention must be made of the *amaGents* vocal group and the College Jazz Ensemble. *amaGents* was founded in 2025 by boys at College and has performed in and around Pietermaritzburg in a professional capacity to great acclaim. The Jazz Ensemble, too, has made a name for itself around Pietermaritzburg and the Midlands, performing at prestigious functions and festivals. Often, these events were organised and promoted by boys at College on their own initiative, which is to be commended.

The Music Department has also posted good external practical and theory exam results, with C Zondi, C Gould, L Lewis, M Msimango and A Madlala achieving excellent marks. In total, more than 15 distinctions, seven merits, and six passes were recorded. We are very proud of E Mitewu and S Dlamini who were both selected for the National Youth Jazz Festival school's jazz band, the highest achievement possible for jazz at school level.

Mr D Solomon

Performances 2025

Oliver!

A diverse cast brought Lionel Bart's *Oliver!* to life on campus, warming the hearts of our school community. The production displayed talent from Maritzburg College pupils, the children of staff who live on campus, and pupils from neighbouring primary and high schools, creating a welcoming, collaborative atmosphere.

The timeless themes of hope, resilience and the struggle for belonging were powerfully woven throughout the performance. The innocence of childhood stood in poignant contrast to societal challenges, forging a strong connective thread between performers and audience. The show resonated both with the young performers and attendees, fostering empathy and understanding across generations. Audiences praised the energy, chemistry and sheer dedication of the cast and crew.

The creative team comprised, Mrs Kamany Thaver (director), Mrs Courtney Sanders (choreography), Mrs Saskia Osborne (set design), Messrs Patrick Harty, Jacques Linde and David Solomon (music direction), Mr Daiyyan Thaver (sound and lighting design), and Messrs Jonathan Orton and Rob Gutteridge (license liaison).

Oliver! provided a platform for inclusive collaboration and demonstrated the positive impact of theatre in our school community, leaving audiences inspired and hopeful for future productions.

Mrs K Thaver

Rewind Revolution

In term 1, Maritzburg College collaborated with Epworth High School to present *Rewind Revolution*, a dynamic production that celebrated music,

dance and creativity. The event was a highlight of the school calendar, bringing together pupils and staff in a vibrant display of talent and teamwork.

A unique feature of the production was the opportunity for students to record their own vocals in a studio. These recordings were used during the live show, allowing performers to lip-sync to their own voices on stage. This gave the cast a taste of professional performance while ensuring every act carried their personal stamp.

The cast of boys, L Dlamini, J Drimie, S Gabuza, S Gumbi, B Hadebe, A Hlongwa, K Khawula, A Madlala, N Mntungwa, G Mnyaiza, M Mogale, N Moyo, M Msimango, A Ngcobo, L Wassink, and C Zondi, delivered a variety of performances. These included heartfelt ballads from *Grease*, energetic boy band medleys, Bruno Mars hits and lively hip-hop routines that kept the audience engaged throughout.

The Barbershop ensemble, B Hlophe, B Pepu, Z Mabunda, S Shabalala, L Luthuli, I Zwane and A Zuma, added a refreshing dimension with their a cappella harmonies, exhibiting precision and vocal blend.

The school band, under the leadership of staff member, Mr D Solomon, performed its own set, adding depth and variety to the evening. Their segment stood apart from the dancers and singers, giving the audience a full spectrum of musical experiences.

Behind the scenes, staff played vital roles: Mr Jacques Linde (vocals), Mrs Courtney Sanders (choreography and costumes), and Mrs Kamany Thaver (administration) ensured the production ran smoothly and looked spectacular.

Rewind Revolution was a true celebration of collaboration, creativity and performance, leaving audiences inspired and proud of the talent being nurtured.

Mrs C Sanders



The Maritzburg College Choir at the ATKV competition final in Pretoria, where they were placed second in their category and won a Gold award.





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Afrikaans Society

Back: B Fourie, G Hosking, C Mountfort, J Jordaan, N Breedts, S Jansen, L Vyambwera, L Dreyer
Fourth row: W Rossouw, C Stubbe, W Badenhorst, C Linley, H Harding, R Slade, D van der Merwe, M Mogale
Third row: S Bernstein, A de Lange, J Lindeque, T van Staden, J van der Westhuizen, R Fitz, J Wright, D Berner
Second row: C Kewley, K Harper, K Mallandain, S Wessels, D Dodson, C Bowyer, T van Staden
Front row: D Colenbrander, I Lindeque, Mrs Z Elder, E Bester, T Boshoff, Mr S Eva, M Linde, J Badenhorst

The Afrikaans Society began 2025 with energy and purpose, transforming Tuesday evenings on Barns' field into a space for vibrant discussion and cultural exploration. Members reflected on the relevance of Afrikaans today, its origins and its role in a diverse society, deepening their understanding of linguistic identity.

Creativity flourished early in the year as our poets collaborated with MC Ink, the Art Department and the Music Department to produce a fusion of poetry and visual art, presented at the Music Evening. During Happiness Week, the society baked biscuits and visited Rosewood Retirement Home, honouring elders who shaped our cultural heritage. We also introduced our new mascot, the 'Bester-Potjie', symbolising unity and tradition.

Under the guidance of Mr S Eva and captain E Bester, the Society staged short plays including the witty *Brainrot* by Second Formers, the intense *Die Kranksinnige*, and Mr Eva's original *Koöperasie Ouethuis*. Bester's monologue as Benjamin Komoetie from *Fiela se Kind* was a standout performance.

In Term 3, our flagship production *Koshuis, Malhuis, My Huis* captured the chaos and camaraderie of boarding school life with poignant wit and humour.

We proudly celebrated I Lindeque, who earned an A++ and won the Grade 10–12 Afrikaans Additional Language category in the national ATKV Digivoordrae competition. His performance brought poetry to life.

To end the year, the society gathered for a festive braai and traditional games, celebrating growth, creativity and connection.

In the words of NP van Wyk Louw, Afrikaans is *daardie taal waarin ons hart klop*.

Mr S Eva and Mrs Z Elder





Art Club

Back row: Z Thomson, A Dladla, R Ayisa, S Wiggill, S Mkhize
Middle row: M Moloi, A Thembela, E Hunter-Smith, L Mshudulu
Front row: F Kunene, N Thusi, Mr E Pretorius, E Mitewu, A Khumalo
Absent: C Ender, D Nel

The Art Club enjoyed an active and rewarding year, one marked both by artistic growth and community involvement. E Mitewu was selected as the Art Club Leader for 2025. His consistent participation, strong work ethic, confident leadership and growth as an artist made him well suited for this role.

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.

New media introduced this year expanded the depth of the boys' skill sets. The addition of pastel portraits and watercolour not only strengthened their technical ability but also encouraged experimentation and expressive risk-taking.

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.

The club also supported the broader College community through several public events. At the Merchiston Primary School Colour Run, members sketched lively portraits that captured 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 Collegians 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, reflecting craftsmanship and school pride.

The Varsity College Halloween Festival was another successful outing. The boys attracted steady interest throughout the event, and their portrait booth became one of the notable features of the day. This event offered a unique creative opportunity, as our pupils sketched attendees dressed in elaborate costumes, allowing for imaginative and playful portraiture.

Term four concluded with a year-end function involving games, speeches and a final portraiture activity. The occasion also served as a farewell to Mr Pretorius, marking the end of a meaningful chapter for the club.

Overall, the Art Club continues to grow in depth, skill and confidence. The boys have represented the school admirably, and their public engagement has contributed to a strong and rewarding year. We look forward to seeing the club carry this momentum into the year ahead.

Mr E Pretorius



Camera Club

Back row: E Hunter-Smith, B Mdladla, M Clark, T Haviside, B Woodroffe, A Thembela
Third row: J Planteau De Maroussem, H Storm, C Barnard, N Mitchell
Second row: S Girdhary, B Cele, T Pillay, B Govender, C de Beer, A Singh
Front row: A Mkhize, L During, E van der Merwe, Mrs D Gademane, C Zondi (captain), D Pillay, G Jordan
Absent: K Peter

Camera Club had a very good start to the year with numbers at their highest ever. It became necessary to limit entries to one photo per photographer per month, to have time to complete the judging in an evening. This extra time allowed for workshops to take place where good and bad shots of a theme were discussed. We were able to purchase a camera on a very limited budget which the boys have accepted enthusiastically. Currently the camera has been booked for all House activities and weekends, highlighting the need for proper photographic equipment where phones are lacking. Nonetheless, some boys are proving to show strong potential for future Photographic Society of South Africa (PSSA) wins.

B Cele received a 'Highly Commended' at the Kearsney National competition, narrowly missing out on third place. Congratulations to him and his outstanding entry titled, *Check*. Additionally, J Planteau De Maroussem was listed as a finalist in the September PSSA website competition, youth division, for his engaging Reunion Day photo, titled *Reeza Rush*. This was indeed a superb achievement. Additionally, he won the youth division in the Open Colour category. This was a prodigious achievement, as this is one of the most competitive categories in the youth division.

Members continued to remain engaged by independently capturing and submitting photographs. Their ongoing participation demonstrated not only commitment to the club, but also a genuine enthusiasm for developing their creative skills. Many boys took the initiative to explore different themes, experiment with lighting and practise new techniques on their own. The variety of images submitted reflects a growing confidence behind the lens and an eagerness to improve.

The continued effort from the boys ensured that the spirit of the Camera Club remained alive throughout 2025. Their contributions have helped maintain a sense of community within the group and provided a steady stream of photographic work to celebrate.



J De Maroussem – Inspiration



Mrs R Lubbe



B Cele

L During

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College Cues

Back row: Q Ngubane, D Gademan, P Desebrook, L Wassink, A Madlala
Middle row: J Keppler, J Drimmie, R Anderson, A Ngcobo
Front row: L Luthuli, C Zondi (captain), Mr J Orton, L Dlamini, M Msimango

College Cues provides an extra-mural platform for boys (both Drama students and others) to hone their drama skills. Many of our members were involved in this year's productions, *Rewind Revolution* and *Oliver!* They acquitted themselves well and the feedback from our collaborators at Epworth was very positive.

Members were involved in a workshop led by Menzi Mncwane, a local theatre practitioner. He shared lessons and offered suggestions on creating believable characters with a depth of emotion. Many of the boys were then able to apply these concepts directly to their work on *Oliver!*

Members of Cues contributed to the House plays. Our captain, C Zondi, directed the winning play. Zondi has made a valuable contribution to various areas of the Arts at Maritzburg College. He has appeared in one or more productions in every year of his College career. We thank him for his contribution to this society and his quiet encouragement and mentorship of younger performers over the years.

Mr J Orton



College for Christ (CFC)

Back row: S Dlamini, G Adjei, W de Klerk, S Wiggill, J Nettleton
Third row: T Chikowero, D Brunkhorst, H Maluleke, C Ender, S Mchunu, M Brunkhorst
Second row: C Bowyer, S Danisa, W van Dyk, S Gumede, D Naidoo, R Motshoane, P Khumalo
Front row: L Shangase, L Wassink, Mr K Emerson, Mr R Barbour, C Zondi, M Mfusi

Throughout 2025, College for Christ has continued to thrive as a space where all boys can come together in fellowship, united by their faith in Christ. They have matured in their spiritual journeys, showing a clear growth in their commitment to living out the values of the Kingdom of God.

College for Christ Vitality, the boarding equivalent of our association 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. We were also 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 at which many of the boys dedicated their lives to Jesus. This side of College for Christ has really taken off, and Mr Emerson has certainly rejuvenated the boarders' hunger for the gospel.

At the heart of College for Christ is the principle of servant leadership and this year has offered a beautiful example of that ideal in practice. The boys have embodied humility, compassion and empathy as they served both within the society and across the broader school community. Their eagerness to take part in charitable efforts such as community service projects and outreach initiatives reflects their commitment to making a meaningful difference.

College for Christ is unique in that it is driven by the boys themselves. While staff members such as Messrs Eva, Kruger, Sparrow, Paterson, Emerson and Myburgh provide guidance and support, it is the boys who take the initiative by preparing messages, leading worship or organising events. We will miss Mr Myburgh's steadfast stance on the scriptures. He has played such an instrumental role in the lives of young Christians for five years and his impact has been obvious.

This year has been a remarkable success and the journey of discipleship, preaching and servant leadership has built a strong foundation. We are reminded of the profound influence that faith and community can have in shaping the lives of our boys and the world they will go on to impact. 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.

Mr R Barbour

Debating Union



Debating – Seniors

Back row: B Zakwe, J Padayachee, P Desebrook, A Madlala, A Ngcobo
Front row: L Naicker, K Moodley (captain), Ms A Maistry, A Mhlanzi, D Gademan
Absent: J Moneyvalu



Debating – Junior & Grade 8

Back row: J Luridsamy, K Mbanjwa, Q Madlala, K Mkhwane
Middle row: W Mthembu, S Gumede, M Makhado, M Mbambo
Front row: N Luvuno, Ms A Maistry, S Gumbi, Ms M Bailey, B Cele
Absent: C Mpangeva, M Mbambo, K Mpundu, K Msomi, L Dlomo, B James

In 2025 Maritzburg College continued its stellar involvement in interschool league debating. K Moodley, A Mhlanzi, A Madlala, A Ngcobo and K Mhwane 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 the World Schools Debating Championships 2025 development trials.

The seniors continued to engage in intensive training with our captain and vice-captain. We welcomed Ms M Bailey as a new junior coach and adjudicator. Mrs Harding and Ms Maistry remained as Grade 8 and senior coaches, respectively. At the end of term one we bid a fond farewell to Mrs A Harding as she retired. Her contribution to debating has ensured our Grade 8s have been well-grounded in fundamentals.

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, comprised of K Moodley, A Mhlanzi and J Moneyvalu, broke to finals and won the final debate of 2025 receiving the Debating Shield for Seniors. J Moneyvalu was named best speaker. Although College seniors have reached the semi-finals and finals during the last two years, this is our first official senior win since 2004.



Senior Trophy winners

Left to right: K Moodley, J Moneyvalu and A Mhlanzi

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

- Junior:** K Mhwane (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 Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) – College exchanges began 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 the Westville Girls' High campus in June. 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-strong Pietermaritzburg contingent at Provincial selection, ten of whom were College boys. After a gruelling three-day tournament, six College debaters were selected to represent KZN, namely K Moodley, A Mhlanzi, A Madlala and A Ngcobo. D Gademan and N Luvuno were selected as reserves. Luvuno was later added to the official KZN squad.

Providing in-person and online training, College hosted the KZN team training session in August.

The Umgeni Debating League (UDL) was inaugurated two years ago as a development league for Northern and Eastern suburbs in Pietermaritzburg. In support of the newly created UDL, Ms A Maistry chaired the junior final debate and attended their awards ceremony. We hope to continue supporting this newest branch of debating.

Ms A Maistry



Enviro Club

Left to right:
*P Khumalo, M Naidoo (captain),
Mrs A van Heerden, G Kloppe*

We have struggled to gain momentum this year due to a severe lack of numbers. The group did their best though and birding walks through the Bisley Nature Reserve were held. While we walked through the park our boys kept an eye out for snares and enjoyed some close encounters with some of the many giraffes found in the reserve. Bisley has the highest stocking rate per unit area of giraffe of any of the wildlife areas in KZN.

The boys, along with some of the Agricultural Sciences boys, took part a fun Husqvarna hole digging competition in the Ferncliff Nature Reserve. This

event was aimed at planting more indigenous trees, with a view to restoring the reserve to its original splendour. In true College fashion, our boys rose to the occasion and gave the event their all. There was never any talk of merely competing but was always ‘we are here to win’, which is exactly what they did. We look forward to defending our title next year and seeing the trees planted in our holes growing well.

Mr J Tyler



First Aid Society

Back row:
M Nyoka, Q Heyns, M Nyoka, M Ross

Middle row:
*K Reddy, L Wassink, A Hanuman, S Moodley,
L Mkhize, R Swanepoel*

Front row:
*C Zondi, F Moula (captain), Mrs C Singh,
S Khumalo, R de Beer*

The winter season was 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 number of participants. We are also grateful to our staff members who have been generous in volunteering their time on weekends to assist both first aid and the San.

During exchanges to Pretoria Boys High School and Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (Affies), our first aid teams played a vital role in assisting all injured boys, managing minor and serious injuries, including hospital support where necessary.

Boys and staff can be equally proud of their efforts, which have exemplified true servant leadership in their service to College.

Mrs C Singh



Hindu Society

Back row: A Ramlall, T Sivenarain, Y Moodley, S Maharaj, TC Naidoo, Y Hoolasi, A Naidoo
Fourth row: J Sewlall, R Raghu, R Padayachee, R Singh, R Madhan, S Bandu
Third row: S Hariparsad, A Hanuman, S Jangali, S Maharaj, P Rajkumar, S Moodley, A Anthony
Second row: K Beharie, K Reddy, A Bagirathi, Z Singh, Y Singh, S Singh, M Kanavathy, V Ramdeen
Front row: K Pillay, Mrs M Pillay, M Singh, Mrs S Deodutt, S Subreenduth, Mrs R Budhoo, V Premchand
Absent: R Pillay, S Ince, J Maharaj, M Chetty, S Durgapersad, D Moodley, D Naidoo, TD Naidoo

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 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.

Mrs S Deodutt

Interact Club



Back row: T Gwala, Z Luswazi, M Nyoka, K Reddy, M Mpanza
Front row: R de Beer, P Mncwabe, Ms S Kunene, S Khumalo, A Acoonjee

The Interact Club had a slow start this year, however we welcomed a few new members during the course of the year. In the first term we organised an easter egg collection for the children at the Salvation Army Home as part of the school's Happiness Week and also assisted with sandwich making for ‘Bread Buddies’.

In the third term we started a Christmas collection in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea and collected items were delivered to various beneficiaries in the fourth term.

Miss S Kunene



Marketing Team

Back row: O Zondi, N Sithole, S Gumbi, E van der Merwe, Q Heyns, T Haviside, B Mdladla, S Khumalo, K Gouws
Fifth row: N Moyo, L Fitz, K Rampersadh, T Speirs, D Davies, A Myeni, W Khumalo, S Nzama, A Hlongwa
Fourth row: L Mhlaba, S Ngubane, M Ndaba, A Ngubane, O Basi, A Ngubane, Z Mchunu, S Gabuza, B Mnguni, F Kunene
Third row: T Chikowero, J Planteau de Maroussem, E Smith, L Hadebe, O Hlophe, S Nhlapo, J Padayachee, S Simamane, K Mkhwane
Second row: B Cook, L Armstrong, R Klute, C Bowyer, T Mofokeng, R Motshoane, S Moodley, T Lekhobo, K Harper, L Ndlovu, Z Myeni, K Horwill
Front row: S Mazibuko, B Ngubane, Miss S Campbell, H Mdabe (captain), Mrs S Upfold, C Zondi, Mr S Shange, B Pepu, N Mntungwa

The 2025 school year was a dynamic and rewarding one for the Maritzburg College Marketing Team. Under the capable leadership of our captain, H Mdabe, a dedicated group of Sixth Form boys worked across key portfolios to support the school's marketing and communication efforts. Their contributions spanned events, media, photography and videography, ensuring the 'College story' was captured with creativity and authenticity.

Our leadership team comprised: H Mdabe (captain), A Hadebe (head prefect), L Nkabane, S Mazibuko, S Ngobese, C Zondi, O Ntombela, N Mntungwa and M Maphanga, each bringing energy, initiative and teamwork to the programme.

Miss S Campbell, who managed the school's social media platforms, played a central role in mentoring the team this year. She guided the boys through a range of marketing projects, facilitated information sessions, and supported their growth in digital storytelling. Her focus on amplifying 'boys' stories' ensured that authentic student voices remained at the heart of College's communication.

The team played a valuable role in several major on-campus recruitment initiatives, including Boarder Sleepover (February), two College Open Days, and a Sports Excellence Weekend for Grade 6 boys (November), featuring specialised coaching across the six main sporting codes, led by our sports directors and coaching staff.

At each of these events the marketing boys assisted in hosting families, supporting logistics and helping to create a welcoming experience for prospective parents and boys.

Throughout the year bi-weekly meetings offered structured opportunities for learning and collaboration. These sessions explored core marketing principles, encouraging the boys to develop their own voice through written stories, photography and videography. Their contributions enriched the school's communication outputs and deepened their understanding of strategic marketing.

The team continued to provide strong support across the school by photographing a wide range of activities, including sports fixtures, cultural and academic events, daily campus life and Reunion 2025.

A sincere thank you to every member of the 2025 Marketing Team for your creativity, enthusiasm and service to Maritzburg College. Your contributions have strengthened our ability to share the spirit and excellence of our school with the broader community. We look forward to building on this success and welcoming another vibrant team in 2026.

Mrs S Upfold



MC Ink

Back row:
K Moodley, F Kunene, R Ayisa, P Desebrook, R Cassim
Middle row:
M Msimango, C Naiker, A Dladla, M Kanavathy
Front row: A Mhlanzi, A Mkhize (captain), Mr S Eva, S Maharaj, K Phungula
Absent: Mr R Gutteridge

MC Ink enjoyed a productive and inspiring year, continuing its mission of fostering a community of boys who share an enthusiasm for writing and poetry. The society remained a creative space where members could experiment with their craft, develop their voices and express themselves through the discipline of words.

In the first term, MC Ink participated in the annual Words@Kearsney event, where our boys delivered spoken-word performances alongside students from neighbouring schools. Their contributions reflected confidence, creativity and pride in representing College.

During the third term, the society hosted its flagship event, *Night of the Writer*, an evening dedicated to celebrating poetry and presenting the depth of talent within MC Ink. This gathering highlighted the impressive literary range of our students and reinforced the value of artistic expression within our school community.

During Happiness Week, MC Ink contributed meaningfully to the atmosphere on campus by producing original poems displayed throughout the corridors, uplifting the spirit of the school and leaving a lasting impression on all who passed by.

Mr S Eva



Media Centre Monitors

Back row:
T Pillay, S Maziko, D Odayan, S Zondi
Second row:
B Gumede, K Moodley, E Maphumulo, K Reddy
Front row:
N Mathapershad, A Akoonjee, Mrs L dos Santos, T Motsoeneng, Y Singh
Absent:
S Naidoo, S Durgaparsad, R Raichund, L Brande, T Mfayela

Following the cultural assembly in January, our media monitor numbers increased to a dedicated membership of 16 under the reliable leadership of A Akoonjee.

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 on the day.

In May, our monitors visited the Cecil Renaud Library at UKZN on the Pietermaritzburg Campus. We were met by the head of the library, Dr 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 inter-library loans between their five campuses. They also enjoyed the special collections tour of the Alan Paton Centre and Struggle Archives, particularly poignant as Mr Paton is an OC of our school. It certainly was a very inspiring visit, and we extend 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 Outstanding Contribution to the Margaret O'Bear Media Centre. He was a superb leader, always very reliable and active in recruiting junior boys to join our cultural society. We extend our sincere thanks to him and the rest of the team for their loyalty and energy during 2025.

Mrs L dos Santos



Muslim Students' Association

Back row:
H Badat, A Essack, M Moosa, M Kader, R Sheik, A Jooma

Front row:
R Khan, Ms K Moula, A Akoonjee (captain), Mr O Kajee, F Moula, Mrs W Khan

Absent:
Y Dhai, Z Dawood, M Osman, U Hoosen

Throughout the year, the Muslim Students' Association (MSA) has continued to embody College's ethos of service, unity and spiritual reflection through a range of purposeful initiatives.

Term one was marked by a strong focus on community engagement during the month of Ramadaan. In partnership with SANZAF, MSA members dedicated their Saturdays to distributing food parcels to underprivileged families. In keeping with the spirit of giving, a fundraising campaign was launched to provide families with warm, celebratory meals for Eid. A particular highlight was the communal iftaar (breaking fast at dusk) held at Jimmy's Killer Prawns, where members of staff and boys gathered in reflection and gratitude to break their fast together reinforcing the sense of inclusivity and community the MSA strives to uphold.

In term two the MSA paid tribute to former Headmaster, Dr Luman, on his retirement. In recognition of his years of dedicated service, the association presented him with a certificate of appreciation at his official retirement assembly. The certificate, which incorporated verses from the Holy Qur'aan, symbolised gratitude, reflection and new beginnings, values deeply rooted

in both faith and education. Compiled collaboratively by learners and staff, the gesture reflected the collective respect and affection held for Dr Luman by the Muslim community at College.

In the third term, the MSA spearheaded a highly successful Cupcake Drive in support of cancer. The initiative received enthusiastic support from students, staff and external sponsors, with all cupcakes selling out within minutes. The MSA was privileged to host Ms Moula, a cancer survivor and valued member of staff whose strength and optimism inspired all present. The Muslim boys demonstrated exceptional teamwork and commitment throughout the initiative, ensuring every aspect ran seamlessly. The funds raised have been donated to the Cupcakes of Hope organisation, and due to the overwhelming demand, this event is expected to become a regular feature on the MSA calendar.

The MSA remains steadfast in its mission to nurture compassion, foster unity and encourage service values that continue to enrich both its members and the broader College community.

Mrs W Khan



Nguni Society

Back Row:
S Mchunu, S Shabalala, M Manana, L Makhoba, T Maduna, M Zulu

Third row:
T Sehlako, S Kunene, S Mkhize, S Duma, Z Hulane, K Madlala, S Xaba

Second row:
L Mkhize, S Ngubane, M Ndaba, S Simamane, B Mnguni, S Mshengu

Front row:
B Hlophe, B Pepu, Mr J Mhlongo, A Bhengu, L Bhengu

Absent: *L Khumalo*

This has been an amazing year for the Nguni Society. The growth of the movement has doubled from when it started. The commitment and dedication of the boys have been evident. They have made wonderful effort to avail themselves of all monthly events although they have not reached their target, which is to have a performance in each month.

A big thank you goes to all the matric boys who kept the society going under the leadership of B Pepu. He was an amazing and great leader who led by example. Pepu made it a point that the movement is on the map of the school. Despite all other activities he was involved in, he would never forsake the Nguni Society. We are confident to say that boys benefited from this movement. We had moments of sharing, the growth of a young man, importance of woman, respect and taking care of women, dangers of

woman abuse, what happens when you reached adulthood and many other cultural lessons. The basic aim of this movement is to remind young men of their roots. A nation without its roots is a lost nation.

The growth of the movement was also evident when, for the first time in existence, our six members received their Lapel Badges. That meant a lot to boys and is inspiring. Pepu handed over the reins to M Zulu to lead the movement. The solid foundation that Pepu had laid, will make it easier for the new captain to run the movement. He must maintain the movement and make great effort to grow it. We look forward to another successful year.

Mr J Mhlongo



Sound and Lights Society

Back row: *N Mabena, C Zondi, Z Khuluse, E Maduna, O Nduli, W Badenhorst*

Third row: *V Nkomo, S Zama, R Francis, M Carbutt*

Second row: *J Wilken, L Cooke-Tonnesen, K Harper, D Moyo, J Wright, S Bernstein, A Ntombela, B Govender, S Ince, L Ntshangase*

Front row: *L Mabande, S Mbatha, E Mpapa, Mr D Thaver, V Kasambala (captain), J Nettleton, C Khumalo*

Sound and Lights has become an integral support component for the school's sound and lighting requirements. The day to day running of the society 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, exhibiting their capability to perform

under pressure and meet high standards. Their contribution elevated the overall experience both for performers and audience alike.

The other events in which Sound and Lights was involved included House plays, Sixth 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 this year's captain, V Kasambala, for his invaluable service to the society. He has led by example, helping junior members to develop their skills. E Mpapa was voted the 2026 captain of Sound and Lights.

Mr D Thaver



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Speakers' Circle

Back row: I Lindeque, R Singh, C Mundell, E McAllister, F Kunene, B Cook
Third row: A Mhlanzi, D Gademan, P Desebrook, N Mntungwa, R Anderson, K Moodley, S Maharaj
Second row: T Lekhobo, T Chikowero, L Dlamini, A Dladla, J Padayachee, R Motshoane, W Nzuza, M Msimango
Front row: S Danisa, V Kasambala, E Hamadziripi (chairman), Mrs K Thaver, L Shangase, A Mkhize, L Luthuli

Speakers' Circle commenced 2025 with strong momentum. The Executive Committee of Hamadziripi, Kasambala and Shangase demonstrated proactive leadership and exemplary administration. Together with the broader membership, they consistently upheld the society's mission statement: We strive to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which all members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

The Fifth Form cohort was successfully established following a rigorous interview process involving sixteen shortlisted candidates. Regular meetings have been held, maintaining the high standards set by previous members with commendable commitment and decorum.

Speakers' Circle continued to benefit from the mentorship of Distinguished Toastmasters Ruth and Dave Varrie. Mrs Varrie led an insightful session on speech evaluation, reinforcing the importance of fair and constructive feedback, an essential component of the public speaking curriculum.

During Happiness Week and Open Day, members participated in outreach initiatives. In addition, a compelling impromptu speech session, led by R Singh, contributed meaningfully to the cultural programme during Happiness Week.

Term two featured a range of high-quality prepared and impromptu speeches. Later in the term, a team of six speakers represented College at the annual Cultural Exchange at PBHS, achieving outstanding results:

V Kasambala (97%), A Mkhize (94%), E Hamadziripi (88%), L Shangase (85%), L Luthuli (85%) and S Danisa (85%).

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

The third term began with a successful home cultural exchange against PBHS. The team delivered impactful impromptu speeches and received high praise from adjudicator Ms Maikoo.

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) and S Danisa (bronze). These achievements are particularly commendable given the members' extensive involvement in academic, cultural and sporting activities.

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.

Mrs K Thaver



TechSquad

Back row: A Mhlanzi, D Gademan, S Khumalo, T Naidoo, P Desebrook, R Venter
Third row: T Nankan, S Gwala, Q Madlala, N Mathapershad, S Moodley, M Clark
Second row: A Kunene, L Mshudulu, B Cele, T Motsoeneng, E Mshengu, N Luvuno
Front row: M Naidoo, A Mkhize, C Zondi (captain), A Dladla, K Phungula
Absent: S Kau, J Sparrow, F Zwane, T Murugan, K Dlamini, B Hlophe, T Marwick, A Ngcobo, T Mupfumi, M Singh, A Ngcobo, N Thusi, A Khumalo

Under the continued leadership of captain C Zondi, the TechSquad has had a productive year. The cultural assembly in term 1 was a pivotal moment for recruitment, resulting in many junior and senior boys eager to contribute and learn.

Throughout the first term, the focus was on intensive training to ensure all new recruits gained essential technical skills. Fifth Form pupils were mentored by the captain, forming the foundation of leadership development and ensuring a smooth transition when academic trials began. The squad also benefited greatly from the inclusion of a member of the IT Department, whose expertise introduced new learning opportunities and improved the squad's capabilities.

A notable highlight was the Khanyisa Outreach initiative in March. Senior TechSquad members led a PowerPoint training session for visiting students, reinforcing 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 of 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 were instrumental in preparing for the selection of the 2026 captain, a process that was finalised in term 3 before Sixth Form trial exams began.

In the third term, the TechSquad hoped to try robotics and coding but were unable to due to third party problems. They hosted another Khanyisa Outreach, focusing on the College core value of respect and a short presentation using PowerPoint which focused on how the TechSquad can better serve the pupils next year. This was followed by an end-of-year function with the library monitors.

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

Ms C McLellan and Mrs M Bohmer

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Borver Week

Borver Week is Maritzburg College's long-standing orientation and rites-of-passage programme for new Second Formers, designed to introduce boys to the school's traditions, values and brotherhood. In January 2025, more than 200 new Second Form boys took part in a week of activities that included an orientation camp at Tala Game Reserve, guided campus tours, cultural and sporting integration, and instruction in College traditions.

The week culminated in a Dedication Service and the House Assembly Tie Ceremony, when the boys pledged themselves to the College Credo and officially became Collegians, earning the right to wear their Maritzburg College ties, a proud symbol of their acceptance into the College brotherhood and commitment to its values.



Honouring the legacy of Dr Dudley Forde (1940-2025)



In September we mourned the passing of Dr Dudley Forde, a distinguished leader whose impact on South African education was profound and enduring. His tenures at Maritzburg College, Durban High School and Michaelhouse were marked by integrity, vision and a deep commitment to developing young minds. Dr Forde's legacy extends beyond institutions, it lives in the values he instilled, integrity, courage, respect and service. From mentoring staff to championing youth leadership and educational reform, he was a man of magnitude.

Dr Forde began his teaching career at Maritzburg College in 1965 as a mathematics teacher, known for his clarity, patience, and ability to inspire. From mid-1986 he served as College's 11th Headmaster. His tenure from 1986 to 1991 was marked by a renewed emphasis on academic excellence and leadership development, laying the foundation for many of the school's enduring traditions.

Winter warmth

Our College community came together by donating jerseys, blankets and funds to purchase even more blankets for the children at Angel's Care in Howick. Thanks to the generosity of many, we were able to deliver warmth, comfort and joy to the little ones as the cold weather settled in.



Honouring a Legend: Jackie McGlew Way (OC 1947)



Maritzburg College proudly commemorated one of its greatest sporting sons, with the unveiling of 'Jackie McGlew Way' on 7 March. The roadway is from the Centenary Gate, past the squash courts and Goldstone's, down to Snow's.

The Senior Dayboy Prefect and captain of both rugby and cricket in his final year at College (1947), Derrick John 'Jackie' McGlew captained South Africa and played 34 Test matches between 1951 and 1962, scoring 2 440 runs at an impressive average of 42.06, including seven centuries.

He captained the 1st XI in 1947 and was described as 'a popular and shrewd captain.' Through the years his batting average went from 37.5 to 67.8. He captained both the Natal Schools and South African Schools teams and was described in the 1947 magazine as 'a great, little cricketer'. McGlew also captained the 1st XV in 1947. A true legend of the game, Jackie's legacy of resilience and dedication continues to inspire generations of College men.



Gender-Based Violence

Under the jacaranda trees on Goldstone's, Maritzburg College staff joined South Africa's historic national shutdown against gender-based violence, organised by Women for Change. We stood in silent solidarity, a powerful moment to reflect, unite and demand change.

The Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea donates netbooks



A heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Club of Pietermaritzburg Azalea for their generous donation of two netbooks to Maritzburg College. As we continue to embrace the digital age, netbooks/laptops have become essential stationery items for incoming Second Form students. This initiative enhances learning, promotes digital literacy and equips students with vital skills for the future.



Celebrating the Women of College

College is stronger because of the remarkable women who are part of the school. On Women's Day, Mr Redfern acknowledged their valued contributions to the school. His message was echoed by the boys through Deputy Head Prefect E Bester, followed by a traditional shout on Forder Oval.



How Not to Mess Up Online



Our boys had the privilege of listening to a presentation from Rorke Wilson, of the Digital Law Company, on a topic that could not be more relevant: How Not to Mess Up Online. Rorke's talk was a wake-up call, honest, impactful and deeply insightful. He shed light on the hidden dangers and long-term consequences of irresponsible social media use, challenging our boys to think critically about their digital footprints.

2025 Husqvarna Arbour Week Tree-Planting Challenge Champions



After an environmental lesson by Husqvarna veld management specialist, Divan Vermaak, a group of our Agricultural Science students set off with spades, gloves and maps in hand to navigate the course in the Ferncliff Forest. With strict rules requiring teamwork, focus and care for the fragile indigenous plants, it was a test both of spirit and discipline. After an afternoon of spirited competition, the College team emerged victorious, lifting the trophy and securing a PW 480 Pressure Washer for the school.

Jes Foord

Jes Foord, founder of the Jes Foord Foundation, visited Maritzburg College to share her incredible story of courage, resilience and hope. Her talk provided hard-hitting statistics regarding survivors of sexual violence and the need to understand consent. Her message left a lasting impression, challenging our boys to live with empathy, respect and integrity.



Supporting Mental Health



During the month of October, the College community united in support of Mental Health. It was an honour and a privilege to hand over a cheque of R10 530 to Pietermaritzburg Mental Health Society, helping to empower the incredible work they do for mental wellness. The money was raised through a cake sale, the sale of green ribbons, entries for the Colour Run and other donations.

MCEASA Conference

We hosted the seventh MCEASA Conference for teachers of English, in collaboration with the English Academy of Southern Africa.

Under the theme 'Shifting Words, Shaping Minds: Embracing Change in English Education', educators from across the country gathered for a day of dialogue, networking and professional growth. The conference emphasised adapting teaching approaches to equip learners for a rapidly evolving world, fostering critical thinking and shaping engaged, responsible citizens.

The campus was abuzz with 150 delegates who heard from a distinguished lineup of speakers including our former Headmaster Dr Chris Luman, Mrs Dionne Redfern (Principal, Epworth High), Mr Sunil Mahabeer (KZN DoE) and Mr Phonela (CES, DBE National). Mrs Dlamini, our circuit manager, also attended, along with Professor Mbongeni Malaba, who represented the English Academy of Southern Africa (EASA).



Family Day

With various schools' U17 and U15 teams taking part in the Maritzburg College Sevens' Nashua tournament, there was an eclectic mix of entertainment for the parents and the boys. A large screen showed national rugby, all present were able to try to ride a mechanical bull (which always won) to strength competitions. There was a doughnut-eating competition and, being Family Day (and College), dogs were in evidence as the Smorffitt springer spaniel had an early-morning frisbee-catching romp. Mrs J Finnie's very young spaniel was introduced to everyone. There was also some rugby!



Reunion 2025



This year's Matric Dance theme transported the Class of 2025 into the world of Peaky Blinders. Every detail of the theme was brought to life with style and atmosphere.



Passing of the Drum

The Passing of the Drum Ceremony marks the formal handover of authority from the outgoing senior leadership team to the incoming prefects. First introduced in 2012, this cherished tradition signifies the start of the new academic leadership for the following year. The highlight is the formal transfer of the drum to the new head prefect, inside of which the predecessor places a written message of support. During the ceremony, the school also officially announces and celebrates its new prefects, deputies, house leaders and the highly anticipated shouting captains who lead the school's spirit and camaraderie on the sports fields.



Sixth Form Induction to MCOBA

On the evening after Speech Day, the Class of 2025 reached a special milestone, receiving their Old Boys' ties and officially joining the Maritzburg College Old Boys Association. This moment marked not just the end of five years, but the beginning of a lifelong connection built on pride, friendship and shared tradition.

Reflections, farewells and new beginnings marked this special event and as the bagpipes played and the final Jimeloyo-Ji! rang out, they walked their last procession, closing one chapter and beginning another, forever a part of the #RedBlackWhite story.



Remembrance Day

The Maritzburg College community, staff, boys, Old Collegians and guests, stood united in remembrance on 11 November, paying tribute to the 262 Old Collegians and three staff members who have fallen in battles and wars since 1873. This year, our commemoration focused on 'The War in the Desert', honouring those who served in the harsh North African landscapes of WWII. The ceremony culminated in the laying of wreaths at the First World War Memorial and the unveiling of eleven new plaques at the Wall of Remembrance.



Sixth Form Donate their School Shoes

In the last week of the fourth term, we handed over the donated school shoes from the 2025 Sixth Formers who, after completing their final exams, chose to donate their school shoes to The South African Red Cross Society. These shoes are repaired and passed on to students and schools in need, a thoughtful gesture that reflects the values we strive to instil. Our thanks go to Mr Sutherland for organising this important initiative.



Borvers five years ago --- the Pump House Jump ends Sixth Form



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: J Thackway
Assistant House captain: L Bhengu
House leaders: C Sukraj, J Currie, T Foster, C Mundell, R Armoed



As 2025 draws to a close, the Barns House boys can finally set aside their Greys, breathe deeply and step into a summer holiday that is every bit as bright and richly deserved as the year they have just lived. What a magnificent, heart-filled chapter 2025 has been, one that will glow warmly in the memories of the House for years to come.

With deep gratitude and fond affection, Barns House bids farewell to one of its beloved mentors, Mr E Pretorius. From the moment he arrived, he made his mark with quiet strength, enthusiasm and

an unshakable belief in every boy in the House. He led with wisdom, laughed with joy and cared with a depth that touched everyone. Mr Pretorius leaves Barns richer, kinder and stronger than when he arrived and his legacy will walk these corridors for many years to come.

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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
House captain: C Zondi
Assistant House captain: E Bester
House leaders: A Barnes, A Khumalo, T Pillay, J Tilbury, R Venter



Calder House reflects on a year marked by spirited competition, cultural triumphs and personal milestones. From the first term's energy to the final term's thoughtful initiatives, Calder House has embodied resilience, teamwork and pride.

The year began with enthusiasm as the Second Form boys bonded at the Tala Valley camp, guided by Sixth Form leaders who set the tone for leadership and camaraderie. The Tie Ceremony soon followed, officially welcoming these young men into the Maritzburg College fold.

On Athletics Day, Calder House athletes like A Khumalo, T Boshoff, J Burger and E Bester shone under the scorching sun. The Virtus Challenge tested endurance and teamwork through cross-country runs, obstacle courses and tug-of-war. Inter-house gala events and junior basketball and cricket fixtures added vibrancy to the sporting calendar. Weeks of practice culminated in a stellar house singing performance, with I Zwane delivering a standout solo and C Zondi leading the band with flair. Calder stole the spotlight at the inter-house singing competition, clinching first place thanks to teamwork and enthusiasm.

At the end of May, the House bade farewell to Mr M Marwick, whose support and embodiment of Calder values will be fondly remembered.

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This was another year lived boldly under the Barns credo 'Acta non Verba', Deeds, not Words. Through demanding examinations, thrilling sporting battles, fierce inter-house contests and every shared moment of triumph and effort, the boys embodied the spirit of Barns with pride and purpose. Eighth place on the points table may appear familiar, yet it tells only a fraction of the story. The true story lies in the character forged, the brotherhood deepened and the countless times courage was chosen over comfort. They gave everything, and that is the victory the House will always celebrate.

None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary leadership of the 2025 house captains and prefects: L Bhengu, J Thackway, C Sukraj, J Currie, T Foster, C Mundell, and R Armoed. They led with fire in their hearts and humility in their actions. They pursued the Forder Cup with relentless belief and, although it remains just out of reach for now, they have left Barns House stronger, prouder and more united than ever before. Their leadership was never measured by trophies alone, it was measured by the way they lifted others, the standards they set and the zeal they showed for the House every single day.

Every boy in Barns has grown in ways no scoreboard can capture. They discovered depths of resilience they did not know they possessed, forged friendships that will last a lifetime, and represented the House with a spirit that made the entire community stand taller. The highs lifted the house skyward, the challenges taught everyone how brightly Barns can still shine. Every moment of 2025 has shaped these young men into individuals of greater character and virtue.

The remarkable staff and mentors have been the heartbeat of the year. Their guidance, patience and boundless faith in the boys saw greatness in them long before the boys saw it in themselves. Barns House is deeply grateful for every sacrifice, every smile and every moment of belief they invested.

Mr S Brill

Individual brilliance also impressed: K Vogt dominated canoe marathons; A Tilbury captained the victorious U19A tennis team; T Pillay excelled in swimming, earning provincial selection. Academic and cultural diversity shone through M Badat's spiritual leadership and C Frank's musical and table tennis accolades.

Sporting achievements continued to flood in when A Ngubane was awarded rugby Colours and a Craven Week spot, T Boshoff impressed rugby officials and spectators with a Man of the Match performance and U17 Academy selection, hockey stars A Lembethe and B Zitumane represented Inland teams, and A Bharath claimed U16 Player of the Year in cricket.

On the cultural front, Calder House's involvement in productions exhibited exceptional stagecraft. The boys' creative flair shone in the inter-house play competition, with a reimagined *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* earning first place and C Zondi being named Most Successful Director. Boys also embraced chess, debating, squash and shooting, contributing valuable points.

The Sports and Cultural Awards Evening honoured outstanding achievers: I Zwane, Best Vocal Soloist; L Ngubane, Best Stage Actor; K Vogt, multiple canoeing and water polo trophies, plus the Headmaster's Award for Highlight of the Year as well as the Headmaster's Award for Sportsman of the Year.

As the pace of school life settled, Calder House embraced October's 'Going Green for Mental Health Awareness' initiative. S Maharaj delivered an informative address on seeking help when needed. Pupils and staff wore green ribbons and sold cupcakes to promote emotional wellbeing, although the planned colour run was cancelled due to unsafe wind conditions. Thank you to every pupil and parent who supported this cause.

Calder is proud to announce its leaders for the coming year. Prefects: A Lembethe (deputy), L Becket, T Boshoff, J Thompson, K Vogt; and house captains: N Moyo (captain), T Boshoff (vice-captain).

Mrs K Bartholomew

Commons House

Housemaster:	Mr B Dodd
Assistant Housemaster:	Mrs D Gademan
Mentors:	Mr H Ntenezi, Mrs M Pillay, Mrs W Khan, Mr L Kruger
House captain:	M Borchers
Assistant House captain:	S Danisa
House leaders:	L Luthuli, R van der Merwe, S Redlinghuys, M Kauffman, J Moneyvalu



Commons House closed 2025 with pride in a year defined by academic excellence, wholehearted participation and the strengthening of our community. From the excitement of welcoming our new boys in the first term with ties straight and ambitions high, to the remarkable academic achievements across every Form, our students have consistently demonstrated discipline, curiosity and determination. Top placings, merit certificates,

Colours and Honours awards, and an impressive array of cultural and sporting achievements reflected the depth of talent within the House.

Inter-house events, the Championship Gala and a wide spectrum of school activities revealed the grit and camaraderie that have become our hallmark. Camps offered moments of reflection and genuine connection, where boys learned the value of showing up authentically, in effort, in attitude and in friendship. We tried to instil a mentality of authenticity being the foundation on which true potential is built. This year, our boys lived that truth. They did not ask their experiences to serve them, they served the moment, the team and the House.

Summer sports at the close of the year infused new energy and the commitment shown during examinations demonstrated maturity and focus. Commons House ends 2025 not just strong, but deeply grounded, each boy a work in progress, shaped by honesty, effort and the courage to be himself.

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:	R Boshoff
Assistant House captain:	G Askew
House leaders:	B Botha, O Ntombela, Z Nkosi, L Wassink



As we reflect on another busy year, Forder House takes pride in the accomplishments of its boys. They have approached academic studies, sport and inter-house competitions with energy and enthusiasm, distinguishing themselves as confident, determined and adaptable young men. This year, particular emphasis was placed on student wellbeing, recognising its importance both for academic and personal success. Forder House remains committed to providing a safe and supportive environment in which each boy may grow and realise his full potential.

Under the capable leadership of house captain R Boshoff and vice-captain G Askew, the year has been characterised by dedication and enthusiasm.

Boshoff led with eagerness, setting a strong example, while the leadership team inspired their peers in numerous House activities. We are sincerely grateful for their commitment and contributions.

Our mentors have also played a vital role in guiding and supporting our boys, embodying the African proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child.' This reflects our belief in a united community working together for the benefit of each individual. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to them for their invaluable support.

In this year's inter-house competitions, our boys participated fully and displayed admirable spirit and determination, securing ninth position overall.

We also congratulate all boys who achieved their academic, cultural and sporting goals during the year. Their efforts are commendable and their successes are celebrated.

Finally, Forder House expresses its gratitude to all students, staff and mentors for their continued support. We look forward to another year of growth, achievement and the ongoing 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 K Jackson, Miss S Paramanand, Mr F Malinga
House captain:	L Shangase
Assistant House captain:	C Gould
House leaders:	L Baptista, A Beni, J Combrink, H Modi, R van der Vliet



The year 2025 was another average year sports-wise. We are therefore looking forward to a fresh start in 2026 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 due, at its core, to a lack of participation.

The prefects of 2025 and the house leaders are commended for their efforts in leading the boys this year. The demands placed on our leaders are becoming ever more onerous and it is not always easy to lead others, especially one's peers.

The mentors are acknowledged 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 but 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 are an exceptional group of hard-working people who make the role of housemaster much easier.

Well done to all those boys who achieved their academic goals at the end of 2025. We wish the Sixth Form class of 2025 well for the future, may they ever remain hard-working College men.

Fuller House has a new leadership team for 2026 led by S Mchunu and assisted by E Sobwe 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 2026 may we strive to live up to all aspects of the Fuller quote.

Mr T Orchard

Lamond House

Housemaster:	Mr S Siwila (acting)
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr C Myburgh (acting)
Mentors:	Miss C Mhlongo, Mr K Zakwe, Ms A Cilliers, Mrs N Singh, Mr C White
House captain:	E McAllister
Assistant House captain:	V Kasambala
House leaders:	K Botha, B Demont, K Ekstrand, M Lancaster, N Mntungwa



As 2025 draws to a close, Lamond House reflects on a year filled with achievement, resilience and unwavering commitment to the College values. It has been an exceptionally busy year, with boys balancing academic studies, sport and cultural activities. Despite the inevitable end-of-year fatigue, their determination to finish strong has been commendable and speaks to their character and perseverance.

One of the highlights was Lamond securing the Forder Cup for the second consecutive year, a remarkable achievement that speaks volumes of the dedication, teamwork and competitive spirit of our boys. This victory is not just about winning; it is a testament to the culture of excellence that defines Lamond House.

This year also brought significant transitions. We bid farewell to Mr Myburgh, a mentor teacher who rose through the ranks to become assistant housemaster. His enthusiasm for Lamond House and eagerness for winning the Folder Cup will be remembered fondly. As he moves to the Western Cape, we thank him for his dedication and wish him every success.

In the fourth term, we were delighted to welcome back Ms Moula, whose courage and resilience in her battle with cancer have inspired us all. Her return brought joy and renewed energy to the house, and we look forward to her continued leadership in the year ahead. We look forward to the leadership of S Mchunu as house captain and T Foster as assistant house captain. No pressure boys, but we are going for the triple Forder Cup!

As the acting housemaster, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all parents for their unwavering support throughout the year. It has been an honour to serve in this role. A big thank you goes out to all our mentors and house leaders. Their dedication to making Lamond House a home for our boys is noticeable and felt. Our House is firmly woven within the fabric of each boy that joins our family.

The year ahead promises new challenges and opportunities. To every Lamond House boy: approach 2026 with determination, humility and a commitment to excellence. Let us build on our strong foundation, support one another and ensure Lamond House remains not only a winning house, but a community where every boy grows in character and confidence.

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, Mrs H Breedt, Mr P Gonlag
House captain:	C Cherayi
Assistant House captain:	J Odell
House leaders:	C Gibbs, S Hughes, K Jenkins, P Louwrens, D Moodley



The year began with the Borver Camp at Tala Game Reserve, setting the tone for the year ahead. This camp provided our Second Formers with a wonderful introduction to Maritzburg College and Nicholson House. Their enthusiasm and high standards carried through into the inter-house competitions, where the entire House performed with distinction.

Term 2 is always the busiest and most demanding, with winter sports taking centre stage. It is during this time that the resilience and character of our boys truly shine. Nicholson House boys excelled across a wide range of activities, from representing the school in sports teams to achieving success in cultural pursuits. We also acknowledge the quiet heroes of the First Aid group, whose contributions often go unnoticed but remain invaluable. We are proud of those who earned provincial selections in hockey and rugby, competed in soccer finals, and achieved top honours in music. Their commitment, teamwork and determination were inspiring.

The third term brought new challenges and triumphs. We welcomed our new Headmaster, Mr Redfern, whose arrival brought fresh energy to College. Nicholson House hosted multiple events, announced acting

prefects and house leaders, and organised camps for the Second, Third and Fourth Forms. Special congratulations go to our debaters, who won both the junior and senior inter-house competitions, demonstrating their sharp intellect and public-speaking skills.

Term 4 is short but crucial, especially for our Sixth Formers as they conclude their journey at Maritzburg College. We wish them every success in their final examinations and the results that follow. Congratulations also to all the award winners at the Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, your achievements bring pride to the house.

Nicholson House continues its tradition of producing strong, dynamic leaders. Congratulations to M Lock on his election as prefect, and to the six boys chosen as house leaders for 2026. We wish them strength, success and growth as they take on the responsibility of guiding Nicholson House and representing Maritzburg College.

It is with heavy hearts that we say farewell to Mrs Breedt and Mr Gonlag. Mrs Breedt leaves Maritzburg College at the end of 2025 to join her family in the Western Cape. Though her time with us was brief, her empathetic approach to mentoring left a lasting impact on the boys and the house. Mr Gonlag moves into his new role as housemaster of Nathan House where, we know, he will continue to inspire and guide. We thank them both for their contributions and wish them well in their new journeys.

Finally, I extend my deepest gratitude to all Nicholson House staff. Your commitment, dedication and fervour are the foundation of our success. Nicholson House could not thrive without this extraordinary team of educators and support staff.

The strength of Nicholson House lies not only in achievement, but in the unity of its people.

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:	M Qasha
Assistant House captain:	M Canham
House leaders:	J Harley, T Kufal, M Maphanga, M Mfusi, D Naidoo



This year has been shaped by co-operation, steady effort and a shared commitment to growth. Pape House continues to foster a community where students participate with purpose and strive for excellence.

The 2025 school year was one of consolidation and progress for Pape House. Through the combined efforts of students and staff, our sense of community strengthened. Many of the goals set at the start of the year were achieved, and we made meaningful progress toward longer-term objectives. Students were encouraged to take part in house events and to honour their commitment to team sports.

Our pastoral work this year centred on strengthening engagement and supporting improved performance. Students made a genuine effort to encourage one another both academically and on the sports field, which helped to build confidence and friendships.

Our student leadership team played a key role in guiding the house through the year's challenges and achievements. Under the leadership of house captain M Qasha, vice-captain M Canham, and house leaders M Maphanga, J Harley, M Mfusi, T Kufal and D Naidoo, Pape House continued to thrive as a united and motivated community. Their example and service are greatly appreciated.

We are grateful for the dedication of our mentors, Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr V Noubouth, Miss A Dasrathlal, Mr D Thaver and Mrs J Stoute, whose guidance supported the personal and academic development of our students. I would also like to acknowledge Mr F Maritz for his significant role as assistant housemaster. His contribution has been invaluable, and we congratulate him on his appointment as housemaster of Fuller House from 2026.

Pape House began the year on a positive note in terms of inter-house events, securing first place in the tug-of-war at the Virtus Challenge. We ended the year strongly in our individual sporting events, reflecting the commitment and progress of our students. As we look ahead, we aim to improve our performance in mass-participation events to enhance our overall standing in 2026.

Our students have continued to make us proud across all areas of school life. Their achievements in academics, cultural activities and sport reflect hard work, discipline and enthusiasm. We celebrate their efforts and look forward to building on these successes.

Pape House remains united and focused on continued growth. We look forward to the opportunities of 2026 with confidence and purpose.

Mr M Kritzinger

Snow House

Housemaster:	Mr J Mhlongo
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr J Orton
Mentors:	Mr R Pillay, Ms S Kunene, Ms M Bailey, Mrs A van Heerden, Miss M Maniram
House captain:	A Hadebe
Assistant House captain:	R Anderson
House leaders:	F Thabethe, W Trodd, N Westerdale, L Nkabane, Z Moses



This has been a great year for the Snow House family. Our mentors have 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 behaviour we witness in our boys is the tribute to the hard work of our mentors.

At the start of the year, the Second Formers attended an orientation camp over two days at Tala. There they learned what was expected of them as Maritzburg College boys, competed in tug-of-war, went on a nature walk and undertook an obstacle course led by the prefects. They built team and brotherhood and came back ready for their life at College.

We welcomed Mrs van Heerden as Mentor teacher for S4. She was later joined by Mrs Maniram to take care of S5. It has been 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 Snow House strong through their dedication and enthusiasm for what they do. I salute them.

The year has been a good one for Snow House. After ending towards the bottom of the leader board last year, we finished the year in third position.

Strachan House

Housemaster:	Mr M Warr
Assistant Housemaster:	Mr A Budhoo
Mentors:	Mr M Jeewan, Mrs M Kritzinger, Mrs S Webley, Mrs R Lubbe, Mr T Tshale
House captain:	J Fincham
Assistant House captain:	J Steyn
House leaders:	J Harris, W Strachan, O Radebe, S Mazibuko, V Premchund



The year has been a dynamic and rewarding one for Strachan House, marked by growth, determination and a renewed commitment to excellence. The young men of the House approached the year with maturity and purpose, consistently demonstrating the discipline, enthusiasm and resilience that define the Strachan House spirit. Their efforts across academics, sport, culture and service reflect a group of boys who take pride both in their individual development and their collective identity.

This year brought changes in staffing with the addition of Mr T Tshale and Mrs R Lubbe to the mentoring team. Both staff members adapted seamlessly to house life, quickly establishing strong relationships with their mentor classes and contributing meaningfully to the overall functioning of the house. Their professionalism, calm presence and genuine investment in the boys' well-being have greatly strengthened the support network within Strachan House, and we are delighted to have them as part of the team.

This was largely due to the enthusiasm and focus of our house leaders who led by example and encouraged participation in all events. The success of the House is not measured only by rankings in house competitions, but also by the behaviour of the boys. This year we have experienced fewer incidents of unacceptable behaviour due to the dedicated efforts of our matric class.

Snow House is proud to have produced the 2025 head prefect, A Hadebe, from among our ranks. Hadebe understood that leadership is not bullying and it is not aggression. This understanding 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 honour to the school. These included N Westerdale who performed very well in enduro racing before sustaining an injury, and D Garrel who was invited to the Inner City Enduro and the Hard Enduro event where he won in his class and was placed fifth overall. H Lamb has been a shining star placing our school on the map of the world through swimming.

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

L Coetzee played the lead character in the school's musical, *Oliver!*, and R Anderson, deputy house captain, played a prominent role in this show. Several of our boys were involved in smaller roles. A Madlala and others appeared in *Rewind Revolution*, a collaborative show with Epworth. Our boys received compliments for their talent, professionalism and commitment. R Anderson directed the House play. Our version of *The Emperor's New Clothes* was amusing and received many compliments. Anderson also received the award for Best Actor for his hugely suave successful comic role.

Time passes quickly when the year is full and rewarding. We are grateful for the memories created and the growth achieved. To our matric boys, we offer our heartfelt support and prayers as they pursue their goals and future endeavours.

Mr J Mhlongo

2025 Inter-House Competition

The 2025 Inter-house sport and cultural events have once again been fiercely contested. The events start early in the year with the Virtus Challenge and Borver week. It is always encouraging to see how the boys fight for the opportunity to represent their House. The contest was hard fought throughout the year and while there were one or two changes in the leader throughout the year, Lamond House appeared a dominant force

right through to the end. They successfully defended their title as House Champions with Strachan House coming in second. Congratulations must also go to Snow House for finishing in third position after ending tenth in the 2024 competition.

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	Cricket	House Spirit	OVERALL POINTS
	Lamond	13	34	6	14	8	13	9	11	14	14	7	13	10	13	28	11	34	17	14	14	297
	Strachan	11	20	14	28	14	13	11	9	9	10	17	14	14	7	34	14	12	7	8	12	278
	Snow	14	22	8	16	14	17	14	17	9	11	10	12	12	8	18	7	28	9	17	14	277
	Nicholson	17	24	12	12	17	9	7	11	10	8	8	17	9	14	24	10	24	11	13	17	274
	Commons	12	12	13	24	10	11	13	9	17	9	17	11	13	17	10	6	20	17	7	9	257
	Calder	7	10	10	34	10	8	17	6	11	17	17	7	17	10	16	9	14	8	11	11	250
	Pape	8	16	17	10	12	8	13	13	6	12	11	10	12	12	14	12	16	13	10	10	235
	Barns	9	18	11	18	12	6	10	12	7	13	10	8	7	11	20	17	18	10	9	7	233
	Forder	6	28	9	20	8	11	6	14	13	8	12	9	6	6	12	13	22	6	12	8	229
	Fuller	11	14	7	22	6	17	9	7	13	6	6	6	8	9	22	8	10	12	6	7	206

Inter-House Trophies

Bongani Khumalo Cup for Basketball	Nicholson House
Freakes Shield for House Cricket	Snow House
Brian Edwards Cup for Hockey	Snow House
Critch Cup for Junior Rugby	Lamond House
Lamond Cup for Senior Rugby	Barns House
Lindup Cup for House Rugby	Calder House
Sixth Form Cup for Shooting	Pape House
Bob Lambert Cup for Squash	Barns House
Peel Cup for Tennis	Commons 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 enjoyed another busy and fulfilling year in 2025, with just under 500 boys calling our houses home. We continue to improve the look and feel of the boarding houses, supported by a dedicated team committed to shaping character, forging friendships and teaching young men to take responsibility for themselves and others.

The context in which our boys are growing up is increasingly challenging. Social pressures, the constant presence of social media and the expectations placed on young men today all add layers of complexity to their lives. Boarding is therefore not only about providing a bed, meals and supervision, it is about helping boys to navigate these pressures wisely, make good choices when no one is watching and develop their identity in healthy and grounded ways. This requires patience, courage and consistency from the adults around them, and I am proud of the way our boarding staff have risen to this challenge.

We welcomed new members to the boarding team this year, keeping our staff complement at 45. Sister Ratchel Caluza joined us as Senior San Sister and has led the nursing team with confidence and care, quickly earning the trust both of boys and staff. Under her leadership, professionalism, compassion and responsiveness remain cornerstones of the Sanatorium.

Renovations continued across the houses. Work on the Hudson House dormitories progressed, while attention was given to improving the entrances to several boarding houses, enhancing both appearance and functionality. The Boarder Parents Committee remain an invaluable forum for discussion and support. We welcomed Mr Craig Cook as Chair and thank all committee members for their insight and commitment.

We said farewell to Mr Tim Orchard, who left us after 21 years of service in Hudson House. His steady presence, commitment to standards and energetic personality will be missed by the boys of Hudson House. We also bid goodbye to Mr Cornel Myburgh, who concluded five years of service in Nathan House. His positive influence on the boys and willingness to contribute wherever needed were greatly appreciated.

A stalwart of Maritzburg College, Ken Hackland, retired this year. He has left an extraordinary mark on the boarding establishment, guiding renovations, overseeing new building projects and shaping its development for generations to come. His friendly manner, institutional knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed. Mr Craig Fincham, Assistant Estates Manager, Boarding, also departed this year. He led the artisans in the boarding establishment with calm efficiency and oversaw numerous maintenance and renovation projects.

As always, the success of the boarding establishment rests on the shoulders of many. I extend heartfelt thanks to our Housemasters and their families, our Boarder masters, the San nurses, the catering team led by Mrs Heather Lawson, the Estates team, cleaning staff and administrative support. Their willingness to give of their time, energy and care ensures that each boarder is known, guided and supported.

As we look ahead, we do so with both realism and optimism. The boys who join us in 2026 will bring their own personalities and challenges, and the wider cultural influences on young men remain complex. However, we remain determined to hold the line on our values and to work tirelessly to create a boarding environment in which boys can grow into men of character, integrity and courage. It is a privilege to be part of their journey.

Mr K Emerson



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Clark House

- Housemaster:** Mr K Elder
- Deputy Housemaster:** Mr W Greyling
- Boarder Masters:** Messrs O Kajee, M Ngcobo, S Stopford, K Zakwe, J McCabe, H Horn
- Head of House:** E Bester
- Prefects:** C Mundell, N Mkize, N Koller, S Sithembu, G Askew

It is with immense pride that I share the remarkable strides Clark House has made over the past year, a year defined by the strengthening of a culture built on unity, respect, discipline, accountability and gratitude.

As I reflect on my third year as Housemaster, I am deeply appreciative of the lessons, challenges and triumphs that have shaped both myself and the vibrant community I am privileged to lead. This journey has been transformative, and the progress of our boys stands as a living testament to the values we uphold.

At the heart of our mission has been the creation of an environment where every student feels supported, inspired and empowered to grow. Witnessing their academic achievements, personal development and the flourishing camaraderie within the house has been profoundly rewarding. The election of ten prefects and countless house leaders this year underscores not only the magnitude of our house but also the calibre of character we are nurturing, a true success story for Clark House.

Our commitment to inclusivity has borne fruit, with carefully designed activities, mentorship initiatives and open dialogue ensuring that every boy feels a genuine sense of belonging. Feedback from our boarders affirms that most feel at home here, strengthened by the meaningful bonds they have built with peers and mentors alike.

Discipline has remained a cornerstone of our success. Through clear expectations, consistent guidance, accountability and trust-based relationships, we have seen a significant reduction in disciplinary concerns. Our masters, working together with prefects, continue to model discipline rooted in respect, an approach that builds character rather than resistance.

Equally, mutual respect has become a defining hallmark of our culture. Through role modelling, education and open conversations, our boys have embraced the value of respect, leading to fewer conflicts and greater collaboration. Gratitude, too, has been woven into our ethos. By encouraging appreciation for the support received from parents, staff and the wider community, we have strengthened bonds and inspired our boys to give back through service, cultivating a spirit of responsibility and generosity.

Looking forward, we are excited to embark on projects that will further elevate the quality and pride of Clark House. These enhancements reflect our unwavering commitment to providing a superior experience for current residents and a welcoming 'home' for alumni who return to celebrate their roots.

As we continue to build on these successes, our focus remains clear: to nurture belonging, discipline, respect and gratitude, ensuring every boy has the opportunity to thrive. We extend heartfelt thanks to our parents, staff and community for their steadfast support. Together, we anticipate another year of growth, achievement and shared pride, making Clark House not just a residence, but a legacy of excellence.

Mr K Elder



Clark House Prefects

Back row: C Mundell, N Mkize, N Koller, S Sithembu, G Askew
Front row: Mr W Greyling (deputy housemaster), E Bester (head of house), Mr K Elder (housemaster)



Elliott House

- Housemaster:** Mr S Bosch
- Deputy Housemaster:** Mr L Smorfitt
- Boarder Masters:** Messrs R Kyle, A Sparrow, R Coutts, M Kritzinger, J Wilcock, H Ntenezi, L Smorfitt, H Marnitz
- Head of House:** E Dlamini

This year, Elliott House welcomed 68 boarders who shared in each other's growth and achievements. The house became a true home, its corridors alive with laughter and conversation, its routines providing structure and comfort. From the first term, a sense of belonging took root, reminding us of the journeys that began in Second Form and converged once again under one roof. Friendships were rekindled, new bonds formed and as the year unfolded, challenges were met with resilience and determination.

Our boarders proudly represented College across sporting and cultural arenas, wearing their Colours with honour. Alongside these pursuits, academic excellence remained a priority, and the balance between study, sport and cultural involvement was carefully maintained.

To support this busy and rewarding year a well-organised daily routine, combined with study timetables during exam periods, reinforced discipline and focus. Core Group leaders played a vital role in guiding the boys, helping them to set realistic goals and achieve success. Healthy living conditions, adequate rest and academic planning formed the foundation for growth, enabling each boarder to flourish.

The Piet Snyman Common Room was transformed into a vibrant hub, complete with a larger television, plush couches, bean bags and a built-in tuckshop. Friendly competition thrived around the new pool and table tennis tables, while outdoor activities such as touch rugby, football, basketball and ultimate frisbee brought energy to Barns' Field. The tennis courts also buzzed with activity, proving that the concept of a healthy body and mind was fully embraced.

Special occasions such as boarder braais, build-your-own burger nights, and the formal dinner in the fourth term provided moments of relaxation and reflection. These gatherings were made memorable by the exceptional meals prepared by Mrs Lawson and her dedicated kitchen team, whose care and effort remain legendary among College boarders. Their contribution to the boys' well-being is deeply appreciated.

Core Group sessions offered time for meaningful discussions and camaraderie, often accompanied by the much-loved chocolate doughnuts delivered by Mr Bosch during study sessions. Braai nights added a taste of tradition and were enjoyed by all. The unwavering commitment of our boarder masters in maintaining structure and offering guidance cannot be overstated. Their dedication to the boys' well-being has been invaluable.

The success of Elliott House is owed to the entire team whose enthusiasm and care underpin the house ethos. Our boarder masters deserve heartfelt thanks for their tireless efforts. Gratitude also goes to Mrs S Elliot and the Estate staff for ensuring the facilities were well-maintained, and to our SAN sisters for their exceptional care and commitment to the health of our boarders.

Finally, I express my sincere gratitude to the parents for their unwavering support and partnership throughout the year. Elliott House parents truly understood the challenges faced by their sons and the commitment required to guide them through this important stage. Their active involvement, keeping communication open and encouraging their sons to seize every opportunity, has been invaluable. The collaboration between parents and the Elliott House team remains a cornerstone of our success.

Mr S Bosch



Elliott House RCL

Left to right: Mr S Bosch (housemaster), W Trodd, E Dlamini (head of house), Mr L Smorfitt (deputy housemaster)





Hudson House

Housemaster:	Mr W du Plessis
Deputy Housemaster:	Mr K Nipper
Boarder Masters:	Messrs T Orchard, T Tshabalala, R Bremner, L Barnard, M Diaz, T Tshale, S Dlamini
Head of House:	C Cherayi
Prefects:	V Kasambala, M Gwala, P Louwrens, O Nala, N Pembridge, J Thackwray

This has been a year of meaningful growth and renewed energy in Hudson House. Under the steady leadership of C Cherayi our Head of House, the boys continued to develop a culture of responsibility, support and pride. Cherayi's influence was felt not only through his leadership but through the genuine respect he earned both from staff and peers.

A major priority was strengthening connection and guidance within the house. Our mentorship system grew in impact, with each boarder master working closely with a smaller group of boys. These groups became safe spaces where boys could speak openly about academics, friendships, personal pressures and the challenges that come with high school life. With eight masters and seven prefects caring for 130 boarders, the house benefitted from strong day-to-day supervision and positive role modelling.

Several Hudson boys shone academically this year, demonstrating the discipline and consistency that we strive to cultivate. Our academic support initiative also gained momentum this year, with top-set boys assisting others who needed more guidance. This peer-driven approach not only improved results but strengthened the sense of teamwork and shared responsibility.

Participation in College's extensive co-curricular programme ensured the boys remained active, well-rounded and engaged. The lessons learned on the sports field of discipline, resilience, and teamwork continue to shape their character. Numerous Hudson House boys earned provincial honours across a variety of codes. Cultural life also thrived, with Hudson House represented strongly in music, debating, drama and leadership roles. The boys' willingness to participate widely continues to enrich the spirit and identity of our house.

Our gratitude goes to Mr Emerson, whose commitment to the Boarding Establishment remains unwavering. His work behind the scenes, including improvements to the Fourth Form dorms, continues to uplift the daily experience of our boarders. His leadership has once again contributed to a successful and well-organised year. We also acknowledge the vital contributions of Mr K Hackland, Mrs S Elliot and Mr C Fincham, together with the estates team, for consistently ensuring that Hudson House remains a clean and well-maintained environment. Mrs Lawson and the kitchen staff, whose meals are frequently praised by visiting schools, continue to set a high standard. Our compassionate SAN Sisters, who care for over 500

boarders, anchor the well-being of the BE. Their dedication and availability at all hours do not go unnoticed. Finally, we thank Mr Tim Orchard for 21 years of selfless service to Hudson House.

To our Fifth Formers who move on to Elliott House next year, we extend our appreciation for the leadership and character they have brought to Hudson House during their time here. They leave behind a positive legacy and we look forward to seeing what they accomplish in the coming year.

With a strong team of staff, committed prefects and a spirited group of boys, Hudson House enters 2026 with confidence, unity and purpose. We remain proud contributors to College's Boarding Establishment and are optimistic about the year ahead

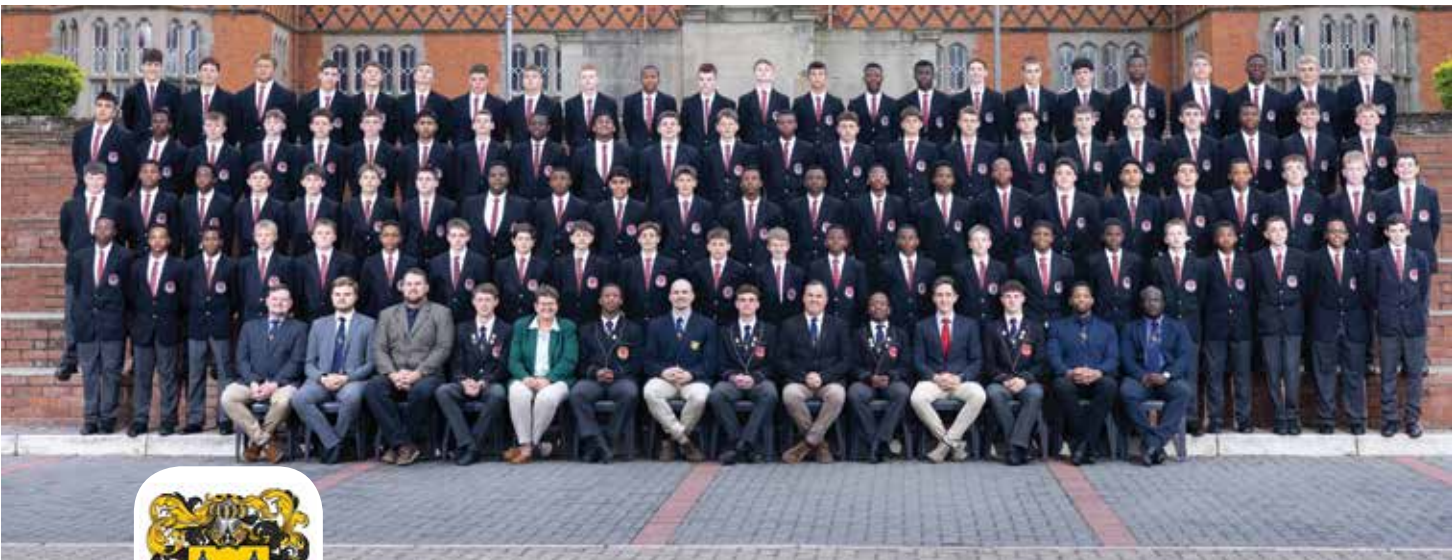
Confido et Conquiesco

Mr W du Plessis



Hudson House Prefects

Back row: O Nala, J Thackwray, V Kasambala, N Pembridge, P Louwrens
Front row: Mr W du Plessis (housemaster), M Gwala, C Cherayi (head of house), Mr K Nipper (deputy housemaster)



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, F Malinga, C Myburgh, S Buthelezi
Head of House:	M Borchers
Prefects:	J Odell, D Cruickshank, L Shangase, A Hadebe

As the year concludes, we reflect with pride on the progress and character shown by the boys of Nathan House throughout 2025. Their resilience, developing sense of responsibility and growing camaraderie have embodied the values we strive to uphold at Maritzburg College.

We extend sincere thanks to the Nathan House boarder masters for their steady guidance and care, and particularly to Mr P Gonlag for his consistent support and contribution as deputy housemaster. Our appreciation also goes to Mr Emerson, whose clear leadership has shaped the ethos of the house, and to Mrs Lawson and the kitchen staff, whose dependable service and birthday cakes continue to add warmth to house life.

The early months of the year brought the usual mixture of challenges and achievements. The boys approached these experiences with determination, and the support of the house prefects was especially valuable during demanding periods. Boarding life also brought its more difficult moments, from minor conflicts to a brief wave of illness, as well as the emotional adjustments that come with adolescence. These incidents, though testing, reinforced important lessons in respect, teamwork and humility

We continue to encourage the boys to recognise that true strength lies not in outward bravado but in self-discipline, kindness and looking out for one another. The message shared with them this year emphasised the importance of inclusion, supportive behaviour and contributing positively to the culture of the house.

The second term included a short mid-term break, which momentarily interrupted the rhythm of academics and other activities, though the boys soon regained momentum. Preparations for Maritzburg College's Reunion Weekend, particularly the blazer displays, were handled with enthusiasm, and the free weekend that followed provided well-earned rest.

The third term presented its own pressures. The transition between sporting seasons led to some restlessness, and a few disciplinary matters required attention. Clear expectations and reinforcement of boarding establishment standards remained central to addressing these issues. The acting prefects approached their roles with enthusiasm and growing maturity. Academically, several boys made noteworthy efforts to improve after the mid-year examinations. Improvements in hygiene and laundry routines were also encouraging. A historical walk through Maritzburg further strengthened the boys' understanding of the school's heritage.

We are proud of those boys who earned provincial and national representation, as well as the top academic performer of the grade who, again, is a boarder.

As the boys prepare to enter their senior houses in 2026, we reflect on a year of growth, learning and strengthening bonds. Nathan House remains a place where honour, humility and brotherhood are actively cultivated. We look forward to the continued development of these young men as they carry the house's legacy forward.

Mr R Barbour



Nathan House Prefects

Back row: D Cruickshank, L Shangase, Ms A Cilliers (house mother), A Hadebe, J Odell
Front row: Mr R Barbour (housemaster), M Borchers (head of house), Mr P Gonlag (deputy housemaster)





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 Steyn
Prefects: R Boshoff, A Khwela, M Qasha, A Tilbury

Shepstone House is more than just a boarding house; we are a family. A place where character is forged, memories are made and young men are shaped into College men, men of courage, pride, integrity and faith. From the early morning hustle to the late-night banter in the Common Room, Shepstone House remains a home of resilience, brotherhood and purpose.

This year has been one of growth, energy and camaraderie. Cleanliness, punctuality, respect and integrity remain at the heart of our culture. The dorms buzz with life, prep time is focused and the spirit in the House reflects unity and development.

A heartfelt vote of thanks goes to this year's prefect team, led by J Steyn (head of house), along with A Tilbury, M Qasha, A Kwela and R Boshoff. Their leadership has been invaluable in guiding the younger boys and maintaining the standards of Shepstone House.

We also bid farewell to our Fifth Form boarders, who will be moving to Elliott House in 2026. We wish them all the best as they take the next step in their journey at College.

Whether on Goldstone's, Barns, Pape's or Snow's, Shepstone House boys have given their all on the field. Many of our boys have represented College's top teams this year, showing that discipline in the House translates to excellence on the pitch.

Academic support remains a priority. Evening prep continues to be closely monitored, and the results reflect the boys' hard work and dedication. Behaviour in the House remains of the highest standard. Discipline is about pride, responsibility and character, and our boys have risen to the challenge with maturity.

From informal gatherings to end-of-term events, Shepstone House continues to foster an environment where boys feel at home. These moments of shared laughter, support and teamwork are what make Shepstone House more than a boarding house, they make it a family.

In Shepstone House, we not only live together, we grow together, win together, learn from our losses and stand for something bigger than

ourselves. To the parents, thank you for entrusting us with your sons. To the boys, keep striving, keep leading and keep building the legacy of Shepstone House.

United in Old and New

Mr M Morolong



Shepstone House Prefects

Back row: M Qasha, R Boshoff, A Khwela, A Tilbury
Front row: Mr M Morolong (housemaster), J Steyn (head of house), Mr M Sanders (deputy housemaster)



Sanatorium



Sanatorium staff

Mesdames N Steenkamp, L Padayachee, R Caluza and N Hansa

Stepping into the role of Senior Sanatorium Sister this year has been both an honour and a learning journey. From my very first day, I was warmly welcomed into the Maritzburg College community, and I quickly discovered that working in this school environment is as rewarding as it is demanding.

The year certainly came with its challenges. We navigated through a gastroenteritis outbreak at the beginning of the year, through a tough flu season as well as a minor chickenpox outbreak. All of these tested our preparedness, teamwork and commitment to infection control. These experiences reminded us of the importance of vigilance, clear communication and calm professionalism, especially when the health of so many boys is in our care.

Despite these challenges, the year was filled with meaningful moments. The nursing staff had the privilege of supporting the boys in many ways, from ensuring that they get to their doctors' appointments on time, to rapidly ensuring that an acute appendicitis gets to hospital in the middle of the night, and to providing daily care, reassurance and even encouragement prior to a big test or a big game. Each interaction reinforced the vital role the Sanatorium plays in the overall well-being of the boarders.

One of the highlights of the year was proudly assisting with rugby first aid on all home games, working the sidelines in collaboration with volunteering doctor friends of Maritzburg College, Drs Su Akerman, Debbie Armstrong, Greg van Osch, Kenny O' Connor, James McAllister and Paul Hatfield. It was reassuring to know that the boys were in safe hands during matches under the watchful eye of these medical professionals.

In August, the nursing team also had the opportunity to attend the 12th Annual School Nurses Conference. This was an enriching experience where we gained valuable knowledge and practical skills as nurses to deal with the stressful school environment. We returned feeling inspired and better equipped and motivated to continue providing high-quality care to our school community.

Looking back, I am grateful for a year filled with growth, challenges and many rewarding experiences. It has been a privilege to work in the Sanatorium alongside a dedicated team and to serve the boys and parents of Maritzburg College. I look forward to the years ahead and to continuing this journey of care, learning and service.

Sister R Caluza

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Second row: Mr J Taljaard, N Msimang, E Hamadziripi, J Don-Wauchope, L Makhoba, S Mchunu, S Ismail, Mr L Kruger
Front row: Mrs S Kritzinger, Mr L Tshabalala, L Shangase (captain), Mr M Kritzinger, T Boshoff, Mr S Eva, B Mhlongo

The 2025 athletics season was both exciting and rewarding for Maritzburg College, with our athletes once again demonstrating their talent, commitment and determination on provincial and national stages. The season commenced with the annual Inter-House Meeting in the second week of term 1. After a day of spirited competition and fine performances across the track and field events, Strachan House emerged as the overall champion house.

At the KZN Athletics Championships, eight College athletes competed with distinction, bringing home an impressive haul of four Gold, three Silver and two Bronze medals:

- Gold:** B Andrews (high jump U17), T Boshoff (shotput and discus U17), C Sweetnam (javelin U17)
- Silver:** T Ekerold (shotput and hammer U19), S Ismail (800m U17)
- Bronze:** L Baptista (hammer and discus U19)

Several athletes also achieved provincial honours. B Andrews and B Mhlongo represented KZN at the interprovincial Championships in Cape Town, while T Boshoff competed for KZN Schools at the interprovincial meeting in Bloemfontein. A further highlight of the year was the introduction of the SuperSport National Athletics Series. Maritzburg College athletes proudly won the KZN leg of the competition and went on to represent the province at the National Interschools meeting held at the University of Johannesburg, where the team finished a commendable seventh overall.

College continued to excel in team competitions. In the 2025 aQuellé Athletics Series, which involved 37 schools over five weeks, College performed consistently well to secure second place overall.

The 2025 season was one of pride and achievement for Maritzburg College athletics. With strong performances both from individuals and teams, the season reflected the depth of talent and unwavering commitment of our athletes, promising even greater success in years to come.

Mr M Kritzinger



Review by the Director of 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 teams 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, confirmation of their growth and competitiveness on the national stage.

Our junior teams also delivered outstanding performances. The U15A team emerged as National Champions, winning both the Northwood Invitational and the St John's National Tournament, a remarkable achievement that reflects the depth of talent in our programme. The U14A team showed great promise, finishing second at the Ephraim Mohlakane U14 Basketball Tournament, hosted by St Benedict's College, 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. Their recognition at this level is a testament to their skill, discipline and commitment to the sport.

As we reflect on the season, it is clear that basketball at Maritzburg College is not only growing, it is thriving. With a culture of excellence, a pipeline of talented players and a vision to dominate the South African basketball landscape, the future looks exceptionally bright. We remain committed to nurturing our boys both on and off the court, and we look forward to building on this momentum in the seasons to come.

Mr S Siwila

Leavers

The Leavers team performed well throughout the season with some dominant results as they pushed towards their goal of lifting the Jenny Orchard Invitational (JOI) Tournament trophy, hoping to keep the trophy at Maritzburg College for another year. The players worked hard with great determination as they pursued perfection. A loss to start the season against Westville was a tough pill to swallow. However, this result propelled the team to commanding victories against Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Clifton with the margin of victory exceeding 30 points.

Old foes Kearsney managed to knock the wind out of the team's sails on the eve of JOI which was humbling following the previous results in the league. The boys bounced back and entered the JOI Tournament with a new idea of what it means to be at the top of basketball in South Africa. A shaky result against Michaelhouse in the tournament opener was the building point as the team eased into the knockout stages winning the quarter final against a strong Pinelands team and setting up a rematch against Michaelhouse. A poor start by College had Michaelhouse up 12 points at the end of the first quarter, but calm heads among the players and staff allowed the team to secure the victory against Michaelhouse for the third time in the season and they progressed into the final.

A superb final was played as both Maritzburg College and Westville teams displayed great basketball making for a back-and-forth affair. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be for College as they placed second. Congratulations to N Ngcobo, the team's captain, on his 141 points as well as N Ngobese with 94 points in the 12 games played. Over the 12 games played, the team accumulated a total of 818 points, 478 rebounds, 238 steals, and 208 assists.

Regular players:

N Ngcobo (captain), N Ngobese, M Zakwe, C Siyongwana, C Fynn, M Askham, N Dlamini, T Lekhobo, M Ntlakana, T Sehlako, W Mbanjwa, L Tukayi, L Mukorera, B Thornton-Dibb, E Phoenix



Basketball 1st Team

Back row: L Mukorera, C Fynn, W Mbanjwa, C Siyongwana
Second row: T Sehlakho, N Dlamini, M Zakwe, M Askham
Front row: T Lekhobo, N Ngcobo (captain), Mr J Wilcock, N Ngobese, M Ntlakana

Results:

vs Westville 54-62, Glenwood 119-23, Michaelhouse 93-57, Clifton 78-34, Kearsney 34-51, Northwood 68-74

JOI Tournament:

vs Michaelhouse 45-39, Wynberg 84-34, Westerford 104-21, Pinelands 89-48, Michaelhouse 52-44, Westville 63-65

Stayers

A fresh new team following the departure of the leavers as the new season began meant new blood in the side. A new approach to practices and games was needed for the team to fire as a solid unit. Players found the new approach challenging as there was more physicality included in practices as this was the style of play the team was looking at following. The fixture against a well-coached Kearsney side was tough as players were still finding their strengths and connections. However, a scrappy victory brought them closer as they pushed each other to get over the line. The fixtures that followed were comfortable against Westville and DHS as the team was pushing themselves in preparation for the Westville Stayers Basketball Tournament.

Victory at the Westville Stayers Tournament was a team goal which appeared attainable as they dominated Glenwood and Jeppe in the pool games but they met a stumbling block when they went down to ESCA, placing second in the group. Self-reflection was needed if they wanted to achieve the ultimate victory. Late-night team meetings and visualisations allowed the team to steamroll Parktown in the quarter-finals to meet a confident Northwood team in the semi-finals. The well-drilled Northwood team were not ready for the onslaught from the College players who pushed them to the limit. The team held its nerve and secured a strong victory. However, this meant a rematch against ESCA in the final. A close encounter between the teams had the fans on their feet as the game went down to the wire as ESCA edged the win and tournament by three points. The team had some setbacks with injuries as they moved towards the back end of the term-four season which disrupted the flow and functioning which meant some results were closer than expected. A new focus is needed for the backend of the stayers season if they wish to earn silverware and be at the top of South African basketball.

Regular players:

W Mbanjwa, N Mbele, T Lekhobo, C Fynn, M Ntlakana, M Askham, T Sehlako, O Zwane, L Mukorera, W Makhandia, J Baptista, L Tukayi

Results:

vs Kearsney 57-55, DHS 84-53, Westville 73-39, St Charles 58-45, Glenwood 71-36, Northwood 52-66

Westville Stayers Tournament:

vs Glenwood 69-14, ESCA 49-57, Jeppe 61-23, Parktown 66-32, Northwood 59-53, ESCA 51-54

Messrs S Siwila and J Wilcock

2nd Team

The 2nd basketball team had a good season, led by captain N Ngcobo who demonstrated outstanding commitment and dedication throughout the season. Despite the academic pressures of being matriculants, the players made remarkable sacrifices, often giving up valuable study time to attend training and practice during their spare moments. Their determination and team spirit were evident in every game they played. The team played eleven matches, securing a memorable victory against Westville on their home court, a highlight of the season that displayed their hard work and resilience. Although they lost four games, their continuous effort, discipline and enthusiasm for the sport were commendable, setting a fine example of perseverance and teamwork for future players.

Regular players:

N Ngcobo (captain), N Ngobese, S Mazibuko, C Siyongwana, S Mkhize, O Ntombela, M Zakwe, O Nala, O Radebe, I Mlotshwa, R Mustard, S Nhlapo, L Sishi, S Hadebe, H Modi, S Shabalala, L Mukorera

Results:

vs Westville 40-36, Hilton College 41-47, St Charles 52-31, Clifton 51-19, Kearsney 38-26, Northwood 47-45, Kearsney 28-30, Westville 42-30, Glenwood 41-39, Michaelhouse 18-27, Kearsney 28-30

Mr S Ngcobo



N Ngcobo takes flight.

3rd Team

The 3rd basketball team has shown good progress this term through improved teamwork, discipline and commitment during training and matches. Attendance and effort levels have remained high, with players demonstrating better communication and defensive organisation on court. Moving forward, the focus will be on maintaining intensity throughout all four quarters of play. There were some dominant performances during the season with the team winning by over 30 points on three occasions along with multiple other double digit deficit victories.

It was a pleasure to coach these young men, and I wish them well as they continue in the sport.

Regular players:

B Zuma, T Chikowero, L Hadebe, R Gadzikwa, B Jean Loius, S Nhlapo, R Motshoane, E Mpapa, R Mustard, D Murekezi, N Rulumeni, O Samuels, L Sishi

Results:

vs Hilton College 18-25, Glenwood 76-17, Michaelhouse 30-44, Clifton 49-28, Kearsney 38-35, Northwood 32-27, Kearsney 43-6, Westville 48-24, St Charles 33-16, Hilton College 52-28, Howick 56-10, Northwood 35-36

Mr C Henman

4th Team

The 4th basketball team had a positive and productive season, marked by consistent effort and steady improvement. Each player demonstrated dedication, discipline and a commitment to personal and team development. The strong sense of camaraderie within the group fostered effective teamwork and mutual respect.

Every match provided valuable lessons that contributed both to individual growth and collective progress. Training sessions were approached with focus, enthusiasm and a desire to improve. The players consistently displayed commendable sportsmanship and resilience in competition. Their ability to adapt and learn from each experience was a key factor in the team's success. Overall, it was a successful season that provided a solid foundation for continued growth and achievement.

Regular players:

Z Canham, L Kosani, O Kosani, N Khanye, L Mabanga, M Manana, S Mchunu, A Ndlela, L Ndwalande, N Ngcemu, Z Tsabedze, L Tsoko, S Xaba, Z Msane

Results:

vs Westville 31-31, Treverton 24-57, Michaelhouse 35-17, Clifton 45-3, Kearsney 24-13, Westville 34-36, Hilton College 22-14, St Charles 32-22, Northwood 20-25

Ms L Mkhize



C Siyongwana gets his pass away against Wynberg Boys' High at the JOI.

5th Team

As the season ended, the players celebrated a great achievement by remaining unbeaten against other 5th teams in the league. L Dreyer, who was the captain of the team, showed exceptional skills on the court and provided effective leadership for his teammates. They worked very hard during the season and achieved their goals. This legendary team has set a high bar, and we are excited to see how the team will perform in the next season.

Regular players:

L Dreyer (captain), K Basson, S Hlophe, S Mbatha, S Khoza, N Rulumeni, L Paveley, C Pillay, R Mongoato, M Ndlovu

Results:

vs Hilton College 3rds 16-28, Kearsney 45-29, Michaelhouse 42-18, Kearsney 3rds 22-33, Northwood 20-16, Hilton College 22-14, St Charles 40-24, Northwood 39-24

Mr L Dlamini



U16A

Back row: O Zwane, M Mdhuli, W Mbanjwa
Second row: I Mahomed, A Ngcobo, W Makhanda, C Mullen
Front row: S September, J Baptista, Mr S Mazibuko, S Dlamini, M Ntlakana

The U16A basketball team of 2025 is a gifted group of players and they can be most proud of all that they have achieved. The team has enjoyed a relatively dominant season, falling short only in a few exceptional circumstances. As a team with ample raw talent, on some occasions this has also been its undoing. The team thrived when playing cohesively and struggled when playing as individuals. We, as coaches, urge the team to consider this going forward.

The season featured a number of impressive wins, including the emphatic defeat of St Charles at home, in which team chemistry and focus was at its highest. The low point of the season was undoubtedly the final game of the season, a stunning defeat to Northwood in which the players toiled against the hostile outdoor conditions of Durban North, as well as an unusual two-half game format.

Altogether it has been a privilege to coach a group of such aspirational and committed players.

Regular players:

Y Masemola, K Dlamini, L Makhoba, I Mahomed, S September, M Mdhuli, M Ndlovu, N Manana, C Mullen, H Viljoen, S Phungula, A Ngcobo, W Mbanjwa, O Zwane, M Ntlakana, W Makhanda, J Baptista

Results:

vs Westville 26-23, Glenwood 79-21, Michaelhouse 64-41, Clifton 60-31, Northwood 33-32, Kearsney 40-31, DHS 30-36, Westville 43-29, Hilton College 40-12, St Charles 49-25, Glenwood 42-11, Northwood 33-38

St Stithians tournament:

vs Usuthu Forest 65-13, St John's 43-41, PBHS 51-16, St Alban's 43-31, St Benedict's 47-54

Michaelhouse Tournament:

vs Hilton College U16B 31-10, Kearsney 27-20, Drakensberg Boys Choir School 50-8, Michaelhouse U16B 44-10, Clifton 37-10, Hilton College 34-33, Michaelhouse U16A 30-34

Messrs S Mazibuko and S Goddard

U16B

The U16B team faced quite a few challenges this season. The team struggled to gain cohesion during the pre-season, towards the end of the 3rd term. They were introduced to a new coach, and there were many adjustments to the team list. Some players changing teams caused inconsistencies, which affected the team's chemistry and morale. However, we were able to cultivate both of these elements as the season continued. The losses we suffered became a wake-up call for the boys to step up and this was evident in the last match against Northwood.

Regular players:

B Makhaye, J Planteau de Maroussem, P Zikalala, A Ndadane, S Msomi, L Mwanga, L Dlamini, A Ngubane, O Zondi, L Vilakazi, A Phakathi, A Ngubane, L Mhlaba, S Makhanya, A Hampshire

Results:

vs Westville 23-24, Glenwood 39-17, Michaelhouse 36-25, Clifton 40-14, Kearsney 20-30, Northwood 30-18, Kearsney 36-42, Westville 30-23, Hilton College 42-45, St Charles 20-46, Treverton 1st 42-19, Northwood 23-24

Mr D Mabaso

U16C

The U16C basketball team had a good season, displaying significant growth and improvement throughout the year. With a dedicated group of players, this team's work ethic, discipline and camaraderie were unparalleled. Their playing style and how they carried themselves while playing conformed perfectly with the school programme. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Regular players:

K Khwela, N Mohlaoli, Z Mchunu, A Haasbroek, N Sithole, W Khumalo, KP de Bruyn, L Ngxekisa, N Ashton

Results:

vs Westville 16-24, Glenwood 38-7, Clifton 88-3, Northwood 33-17, Kearsney 23-19, Westville 23-18, Hilton College 22-35, St Charles 21-16, Merchiston 1sts 42-43, Northwood 22-27

Mr L Luthuli

U16D

The U16D season was one of the most exciting and promising campaigns this team has had in recent years. We started strong, showing great teamwork, discipline and a hunger to win. Our early performances were marked by high energy, solid attendance at practices and a shared commitment to improvement. As a result, we secured impressive victories and built a reputation as a formidable team, winning all seven of our matches played in the first term.

However, as the season progressed, a shift occurred. Attendance at practices began to drop and the intensity that had defined our early games began to fade. Some players became too casual in their approach, and the lack of preparation began to show in our performances. We lost matches that were within our reach, not because of lack of talent, but due to a drop in focus and commitment. In term 4 we played four matches, losing three and winning just one game due to this lack of focus.

Regular players:

M Mogale, L Vyambwera, L Dladla, S Maphumulo, S Glover, K Ngantweni, M Gumede, L Dlamini, W Khumalo, S Magutshwa, B Mahaye

Results:

vs Westville 33-11, Hilton College 31-35, Westville 41-22, Michaelhouse 20-15, DHS 21-8, Kearsney 38-28, Northwood 21-14, Westville 33-34, Hilton College 24-25, St Charles 31-26, Northwood 7-33

Mr K Zakwe

U16E

As the 2025 season comes to a close, we reflect on the remarkable achievements, outstanding performances and memorable moments that defined this year's campaign.

The season was marked by intense schoolboy rivalries, thrilling comebacks and exceptional sportsmanship. Despite facing tough opponents and challenging circumstances, the team displayed outstanding resilience and courage throughout the season. Overall, the season was a success.

Regular players:

L Powell, L Phakathi, N Mthembu, O Ndlovu, G Adjei, T Motsoeneng, S Glover

Results:

vs Kearsney 30-13, Northwood 14-26, Kearsney 42-20, Westville 12-36, Hilton College 41-12, St Charles 32-33, Merchiston 3rds 38-10, Northwood 7-33

Mr S Ndlela



T Lekhobo tangles with a Wynberg defender.



C Siyongwana taking air to get a basket.



U15A

Back row: S Ndlovu, NK Dlamini, S Khumalo
Second row: NS Dlamini, B Mkhize, S Gumbi, A Sibisi
Front row: Z Langa, Mr T Tshabalala, A Shandu, Mr Luthuli, A Magutshwa
Absent: T Maseko, M Tenza, L Bezuidenhout

The team had a strong season competing in 12 weekend fixtures across Term 1 and Term 4 and won every one of them, finishing the year undefeated. We started the season well, even though we faced constant challenges with injuries. Each week brought a new setback, and every fixture required different combinations of players to step up. Despite this the boys adapted, stayed focused and continued to perform.

Due to the continuous rotation caused by injuries and the short length of the season we were not able to achieve all that we had planned as a team. However, our defence and transition remained our strongest areas and became the backbone of our success.

Term 4 continued in the same pattern, strong performances but more injuries week after week, forcing us to adjust lineups every game. Even with limited consistency in personnel the boys showed resilience and competitiveness, especially in close matches such as the Glenwood and Northwood encounters. Their determination showed real maturity.

Looking back, the season was a combination of success, resilience, and growth. The boys played well and maintained a high standard in every game. With more time and a healthier squad, this team has the potential to reach an even higher level next year.

Regular players:

Sa Ndlovu, Si Ndlovu, NK Dlamini, S Khumalo, NS Dlamini, B Mkhize, S Gumbi, A Sibisi, A Shandu, A Magutshwa, L Bezuidenhout, T Maseko, M Tenza, H Fourie

Results:

vs Westville 43-25, Glenwood 48-27, Michaelhouse 32-21, Clifton 57-13, Kearsney 37-28, Northwood 37-28, Kearsney 37-24, DHS 55-20, Westville 57-23, St Charles 66-24, Glenwood 39-37, Northwood 26-23

St John's basketball tournament:

vs St Stithians 38-33, Kings Linbro 29-34, Saheti 42-34, St Benedict's 46-42, St John's 35-28, KES 34-28, Hilton 57-42 (final)

Northwood basketball tournament:

vs Kearsney 31-21, Clifton 61-2, Queen's 65-19, Michaelhouse 37-15, ESCA 26-36, St Stithians 38-39

Mr T Tshabalala

U15B

The Maritzburg College U15B had a great season, displaying significant improvement and dedication throughout. The team's enthusiasm and energy were palpable, making every game an exciting experience. We had some outstanding games and even with the toughest of opposition, the team's spirit remained strong and unfazed. It was a season of growth, learning and bonding, and we were all extremely grateful to have been a part of it. Overall, the season was enjoyable and successful in every way.

Regular players:

Q Mbanjwa, S Biyela, O Dluli, K Mullen, J Fincham, S Kunene, D Matundu, S Gumbi, N Zungu, S Dubazane

Results:

vs Westville 43-28, Glenwood 31-15, Michaelhouse 22-23, Clifton 59-10, Kearsney 31-27, Northwood 32-15, Kearsney 60-10, Westville 43-10, Hilton College 39-22, St Charles 27-15, Howick 59-9, Northwood 47-9

Mr S Goddard

U15C

Just two games into the first term and I realised that the U15C team had players who were good enough to play at A or B level if they really believed in themselves. The first term was soon over but it was a fun start to the season, especially as they were unbeaten and the boys played wonderful basketball. The fourth term was also successful as they lost only two matches, which was impressive. The future is bright for these players and they should keep on believing in themselves.

Regular players:

D Mpanza, M Mabaso, M Barnado, S Bhengu, M Dumisa, S Zuma, K Dlamini, S Mhlongo, M Mayekiso, E Gwala, J van Amsterdam, R Myburg, M Markham, S Mlambo

Results:

vs Westville 16-12, Glenwood 44-12, Michaelhouse 36-23, Clifton 31-14, Northwood 46-20, Westville 24-17, Hilton College 23-16, St Charles 26-18, Treverton U16A 26-28, Northwood 18-28

Mr Z Khoza

U15D

The U15D basketball team showed great determination and commitment throughout the year. The players trained hard and displayed noticeable improvement in their individual and team skills as the season progressed. The team produced some excellent results against strong opposition, displaying moments of outstanding teamwork and defensive effort.

Although a few games were lost, the boys did not allow setbacks to affect their spirit or attitude. Each defeat became a learning experience, helping them to refine their strategies and improve their communication on court. The season proved to be tough, with challenging fixtures testing their resilience and focus.

Despite the difficulties, the players remained positive and showed consistent effort both in practices and matches. Their sportsmanship and respect for opponents were evident. The coaches are proud of the team's growth, perseverance and unity. The U15D team can be commended for representing Maritzburg College with pride and enthusiasm.

Regular players:

L Mfekayi, M Barnado, S Madlala, F Zwane, A Mpofana, K Ncanana, P Mpanza, S Mshengu, M Makhado, C Cohen, H Zongwana, L Cooke-Tonnesen, S Gama, P Khazima, K Qhama, K Mbanjwa, R Myburg, N Buthelezi

Results:

vs Westville 22-11, Treverton 18-15, Clifton 46-7, Northwood 7-9, Westville 14-22, Hilton College 6-12, St Charles 15-18, Merchiston 2nd 40-20, Northwood 20-24

Mr A Budhoo

U15E

The U15E team had an impressive season, boasting an 8-2 record. Our losses came against Westville and St Charles. Despite the setback, we demonstrated resilience and teamwork, securing convincing wins and displaying exceptional skills and determination. Focusing on refining defensive strategies and capitalising on scoring opportunities ensured continued success for the team. The side was made up of energetic, enthusiastic and committed young boys. It was always exciting coaching these players as the aimed for nothing but their best.

Regular players:

A Mkhize, C Adonis, L Khumalo, T Rukidi, R Liao, S Mshengu, P Ngayo

Results:

vs Hilton College 25-24, Kearsney 38-17, Michaelhouse 24-12, Treverton 31-10, Northwood 28-15, Westville 23-41, St Charles 27-31, Hilton College 24-20, DHS 23-14, Northwood 40-26

Mr S Ntenzi



U14A

Back row: L Buthelezi, M Mthethwa, S Buthelezi, J Kanyinda, Z Fakude, K Mvelase
Front row: U Xaba, B Fourie, Mr S Siwila, K Msomi, J Yobo

The U14A basketball team enjoyed an exceptional season, marked by consistent growth, teamwork and determination. The boys demonstrated outstanding commitment, both in training and in competition, which translated into excellent results on the court.

One of the highlights of the season was that the team remained undefeated during all regular league fixtures, a testament to their hard work, discipline and unity. The players consistently displayed strong fundamentals and a

deep understanding of team basketball, allowing them to dominate games while keeping their composure under pressure.

Another highlight came at the St Benedict's College Tournament, where the team earned a silver medal after a series of high-intensity contests against some of the strongest basketball schools in the country. The tournament provided valuable experience and demonstrated the resilience of the squad, particularly in games where they had to fight back from behind

to secure crucial wins. A special mention goes to M Mthethwa, who was selected for the All-Star Team at the St Benedict's Tournament, a well-deserved recognition for his skill, leadership and impact at both ends of the floor.

Throughout the season, the team faced several tough challenges but consistently showed mental toughness and belief in one another. Their ability to stay composed and execute under pressure was a defining feature of their success.

Overall, it has been an outstanding season of growth, excitement and achievement. The future looks very bright for this talented group of young players as they continue to develop.

Regular players:

M Mthethwa, B Langa, K Msomi, S Buthelezi, L Buthelezi, B Fourie, K Mvelase, U Xaba, T Fakude, K Bukes, J Kayinda, J Yobo, S Browning, B Ngwenya, D van der Merwe

Results:

vs Westville 50-20, Glenwood 53-8, Michaelhouse 43-36, Clifton 52-16, Kearsney 29-25, Northwood 24-6, DHS 52-4, Westville 29-25, Hilton College 48-21, St Charles 34-28, Glenwood 22-7, Northwood 23-18

St Benedict's Tournament:

vs St John's U14B 59-30, Redhill 54-17, Saheti 44-73, Christian Brothers 87-10, St Benedict's 54-44, KES 45-44, Saheti 32-63

Mr S Mazibuko

U14B

The U14B basketball squad wrapped up a highly successful season, demonstrating significant growth and genuine team spirit. The boys' commitment in practices and games paid off handsomely, resulting in them winning most of their fixtures.

A major highlight of the term was undoubtedly the team's participation in the Michaelhouse Festival. Competing against strong opposition, the U14B players exhibited remarkable grit and determination in every single game. Despite the demanding schedule and competitive nature of the tournament, the boys rose to the occasion, proving their strength and developing invaluable experience. They consistently played well as a cohesive unit, relying on collaboration and mutual support to navigate the tough challenges.

The team's overall success this season is a clear reflection of the hard work and positive attitude shown by each player. They displayed consistent effort, improved their fundamental skills and maintained their focus throughout the schedule.

Looking ahead, this group of young athletes has built an excellent foundation for future success. Their development over the course of the year suggests a very promising future on the basketball court.

Regular players:

S Makhaye, B Ngwenya, W Ojwach, A Ntuli, S Sibisi, L Jali, E Polo, J Green, M Goba, A Sithole, M Mpanza, L Shange, L Armstrong, K Mvelase, S Xhakaza, W Mthembu

Results:

vs Westville 22-14, Glenwood 36-5, Michaelhouse 21-16, Clifton 50-5, Kearsney 25-38, Northwood 22-7, Kearsney 22-24, Westville 36-18, Hilton College 26-15, St Charles 31-33, Pelham 1sts 25-15, Northwood 17-26

Mr S Buthelezi

U14C

The U14C basketball team demonstrated commitment and perseverance throughout the season, despite facing several challenges. With several players sidelined by injuries early on and the introduction of new plays and strategies, the team had to adapt quickly and rely heavily on teamwork, determination and trust in a new coach. From the outset, the players approached each practice with focus and enthusiasm, eager to master the

new systems. Their willingness to learn and improve was evident in every game, as they steadily developed greater confidence and cohesion on the court. Even when results did not always go their way, the team's spirit never faltered.

What set this group apart was their unwavering support for one another. Injured players continued to play a vital role by motivating their teammates from the sidelines, while those on the court gave their all to keep the team competitive. Every player embraced the shared goal of improvement, putting the team's needs ahead of individual ambition.

A revelation this year was Z Luswazi who was promoted from the D team. This young man only started playing basketball this year but displayed raw talent, a willingness to learn and a humility to put in the hard work. I have no doubt that his future in the sport is promising. Additionally, K Bokus demonstrated natural leadership and vision, and this was well received by the team.

Through hard work, resilience and unity, the team grew stronger as the season progressed. Though the season presented obstacles, it ultimately displayed their courage, dedication and pride in representing their school.

Regular players:

C Mpangeva, J Green, Z Luswazi, K Bokus, S Sibisi, A Ntuli, D Moyo, O Phongo, S Magwenyana, L Tshongweni

Results:

vs Westville 20-8, Glenwood 34-7, Michaelhouse 23-11, Clifton 38-1, Northwood 4-10, Westville 11-18, Hilton College 16-21, St Charles 24-13, Howick 40-17, Northwood 22-27

Mrs R Lubbe

U14D

This has been an impressive season for a group of dedicated young men. The adjustment of forming a team with players from different primary schools while getting over the shock of being at Maritzburg College is never an easy challenge. However, these lads were able to bond and connect very quickly, making the practices and games appear easier. The team displayed their dominance over their opponents as they ran through all challenges until their first loss, against Kearsney. This was the only blemish on their record in the first term.

During term 4 the team faced a new challenge as a new coach took over the team, however, this was not an issue for the talented players who managed to adjust to the new coach and keep their success going. A tough game against Treverton's A team was only the second time the team did not see victory. Congratulations to the boys who showed excellent focus, eagerness and determination at all stages during the year.

Regular players:

A Thela, S Tsaulwayo, L Ntomo, M Govindsamy, U Nzimande, A Dladla, H Ntongana, Z Chili, S Wepener, T Mahlangeni, D Dodson

Results:

vs Westville 20-8, Kearsney 20-3, Michaelhouse 20-3, Kearsney 9-14, Northwood 23-10, Westville 16-8, Hilton College 30-11, St Charles 28-12, Treverton U14A 17-32, Northwood 31-15

Messrs D Joshua and M Radebe

U14E

The U14E basketball team enjoyed a strong and successful season, showing excellent teamwork, resilience and steady improvement throughout the year. The players approached each match with determination and displayed commendable sportsmanship both on and off the court. Their ability to work together effectively contributed to several impressive performances and close victories during the season.

The season also provided valuable experience for the players, laying a strong foundation for future basketball development within the age group. Overall, the team can be proud of a successful season marked by commitment, perseverance and continuous improvement.

Regular players:

S Wepener, L Langa, L Ngubo, L Tshongweni, Q Mkhize, D Dodson, M Shelembe, K Mbanjwa, S Madlala

Results:

vs Hilton College 12-9, Westville 23-08, Michaelhouse 17-2, Kearsney 29-4 and 31-27, Hilton College 23-10, St Charles 24-20, Merchiston 2nd 47-19, Northwood 6-33

Mr S Soorju

U14F

As the season comes to an end, the team celebrated a great achievement by winning three out of four matches this season. Of course, we wanted to win four out of four, but this is a learning curve and there is still room

for improvement. L Ntomo, who was the captain of the team, showed exceptional skills on the court and projected good leadership amongst his teammates. The team worked very hard during the year and their goal was to go undefeated but unfortunately that could not happen. There are areas for development and hopefully next year they will achieve their goal. This team has set a high bar and we are excited to see what they will do in next year's season. Special mention is made of the captain, L Ntomo, who was called up to the U14D team toward the end of the season.

Regular players:

L Ntomo (captain), L Dlamini, B Kheswa, M Soji, L Ntozakhe, M Nzama, A Mabaso, L Molise, Y Mkhize, T Edmonds, K Ndumo, N Maluleko

Results:

vs Westville 16-6, Westville U14E 8-7, Westville 4-27, St Charles 24-2

Mr P Khuzwayo



Basketball First team players during the Jenny Orchard Invitational opening match for College.



Canoeing

Back row: J Gotte, K Vogt, S Venniker, B Cook
Third row: D Kleingeld, D Lewis, M Rawson
Second row: T Stone, Z Thomson, B Gotte, C Craig, K Clarke, N Curry
Front row: J Jansen van Rensburg, Ms B Hartley, J Odell (captain), Mr S Bosch, L O'Connor
Absent: J Worthmann, F Venniker, J Craig

Maritzburg College canoeing takes enormous pride in a remarkable season defined by depth, consistency and international success. Of particular note was the achievement of four boys who represented South Africa with distinction.

A record 13 boys competed in the Dusi Canoe Marathon, where K Vogt, R Smith, L O'Connor and J Jansen van Rensburg played leading roles in securing the schools' K1 trophy for the College. In flat-water sprint racing, J Worthmann produced an outstanding campaign. Selected in K2 U16 for the Olympic Hopes Regatta in Racice, Czech Republic, he represented South Africa and was placed 5th in the C Final (K2 500 m) and 6th in the B Final (K2 1000 m). S Venniker and J Gotte finished 1st and 2nd in national selections to represent South Africa at the Junior and U23 Slalom and Kayak Cross World Championships in France.

Vogt won both KZN events at the KZN Marathon Championships, while Jansen van Rensburg was placed 3rd in K1. At national level, Vogt claimed two gold medals and one silver at the SA Marathon Championships, qualifying for the ICF Canoe World Marathon Championships in Győr, Hungary. He earned silver in the K1 Junior Men Long Course and bronze in the K2 Junior Men Long Course with R Smith.

All four South African representatives will still be U18 next year, underlining the programme's strength. Further successes included

Jansen van Rensburg's Tugela victory, O'Connor's second place, and a win at the Interschool Canoe Polo Championships.

N Curry earned the highest points for a College boy in 2025, finishing the second U18 paddler in the Berg River Canoe Marathon. At the Fish River Marathon, Venniker was placed 3rd U18 with M Wilson, while O'Connor and Jansen van Rensburg secured the junior schools' trophy. J Odell and Curry won the U23 category, with strong performances also from Gotte and J Craig. The year concluded with top-10 finishes at the ICF Ocean Racing World Championships in Durban by Vogt, O'Connor, Jansen van Rensburg and Worthmann.

The achievements of our canoeing programme this year highlight the commitment, hard work and sportsmanship of all involved. With such a talented group of young athletes, Maritzburg College continues to foster an environment that encourages personal and collective excellence in the sport of canoeing. We look forward to an exciting future as we build upon these accomplishments in the years to come.

SA representatives: J Gotte, S Venniker, K Vogt and J Worthmann

KZN representatives: K Vogt and J Jansen van Rensburg.

Miss B Hartley



Chess

Back row: P Desebrook, Y Hoolasi, T Naidoo, C Mullen
Third row: O Gengan, I Potgieter, A Mkhize, P Rajkumar, S Gabuza
Second row: V Ramdeen, L Grantham, T Marimuthu, Y Singh, B Cele, G Ngcobo
Front row: R Motshoane, S Maharaj, Mrs M Rembold, D Naidoo (captain), T Ambler

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 guidance of Mrs Rembold, who has emphasised 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.

Inter-school results:

Affies: played 16 won 4
PBHS (a): played 40 won 10
PBHS (h): played 18 won 4

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.

It has been a year of learning, challenge, and achievement for our chess programme in 2025. The experiences gained from tournaments, school exchanges and league play have laid a solid platform for future success. With the continued commitment of our players and the steadfast leadership guiding them, the future of chess at Maritzburg College is looking very bright.

Regular players:

D Naidoo (captain), P Desebrook, Y Hoolasi, T Naidoo, C Mullen, O Gengan, I Potgieter, A Mkhize, P Rajkumar, S Gabuza, V Ramdeen, L Grantham, T Marimuthu, Y Singh, B Cele, G Ngcobo, R Motshoane, S Maharaj, T Ambler

Mrs M Rembold



1st XI

Back row: N Pembridge, J Currie, L Puddu, E Bester, R Willson
Second row: A Bharath, D du Toit, K de Bruyn, L van der Merwe
Front row: D Naidoo, S Dzanibe, Mr R Coutts, D Nadasan (captain), Mr K Nipper, K Dedekind, S Hughes
Absent: T van Niekerk

Review by the Director of Cricket

The 2025 cricketing year has been another period of meaningful progress, consistent growth and proud moments for the Maritzburg College Cricket programme. Across all age groups, our players and coaches demonstrated commitment, resilience and a shared enthusiasm for excellence, qualities that continue to shape the identity of College cricket.

This year, the programme remained firmly rooted in its development-focused philosophy. Training structures continued to emphasise skill refinement, decision-making and game-awareness, while also allowing players the freedom to explore their abilities in competitive environments. Coaches placed strong emphasis on individual responsibility and understanding of match scenarios, ensuring that learning remained at the centre of all practices and fixtures.

Throughout the year, our teams had opportunities to test themselves against top-quality opposition at various festivals and tournaments across the country. These experiences once again proved invaluable, exposing players to different conditions and competitive challenges that contributed significantly to their growth. At the senior level, our programme continued to display consistency, character and the brand of cricket that reflects our values as a school.

Several players were rewarded for their efforts with provincial recognition, highlighting the depth and potential within our structures. Their selections stand as testament to the hard work of the players, the dedication of the coaching staff and the strength of the pathway that supports them.

The ongoing success of Maritzburg College cricket is underpinned by the tireless contributions of many people who work behind the scenes. Our grounds and facilities are maintained to exceptional standards, allowing our boys to train and compete in an environment worthy of high-performance cricket. Our catering teams, sports administration and support staff continue to play a vital role in ensuring the smooth running of the programme. To our coaching group, your dedication, time and expertise remain the heartbeat of everything we achieve.

It is clear that the programme continues to build positively year on year. The foundations laid in recent seasons have strengthened the culture, performance habits and cricketing identity of our boys. With continued dedication from players, unwavering support from staff and families and a commitment to long-term development, the future of Maritzburg College cricket remains bright.

National / Provincial Representation:	
KZN Inland U19:	D Nadasan, S Dzanibe, R Willson, S Hughes
KZN Inland U16:	A Bharath, M Bisset (non-travelling reserve), L Puddu (non-travelling reserve)

We look forward to building on this year's momentum as we prepare for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Mr K Nipper

1st XI

The 2025 season will be remembered as a significant year for cricket at Maritzburg College, and it is with immense pride that we reflect on the journey of our 1st XI cricket team.

Throughout the season, the side displayed unwavering determination, skill, resilience and sportsmanship. These qualities were evident in the leadership of captain D Nadasan, whose calm and composed approach helped set the standard for the team both on and off the field.

The 1st XI left an unforgettable mark on the school cricketing landscape this year, producing memorable victories, overcoming difficult challenges and creating many special moments along the way. In their pursuit of excellence, the players not only displayed their ability on the field but also embodied the values of humility, camaraderie and respect for the game.

Their relentless commitment to improving their skills, together with the guidance and dedication of the coaching staff, formed the foundation of the team's success. This report reflects on the hard work, sacrifices and determination that enabled the side to achieve so much over the course of the season.

A particularly proud achievement for the programme was the selection of four 1st XI players (Nadasan, Dzanibe, Willson and Hughes) for the Tuskers U19 provincial side, which went on to reach the final of the National Week competition under the guidance of Maritzburg College Director of Cricket, Kyle Nipper. This was a tremendous accomplishment and one in which the entire team and cricket community at the school took great pride.



1st XI captain, D Nadasan, keeps an eye on his cut shot on Goldstone's.

K de Bruyn (Large White Badge): De Bruyn showed tremendous growth this season, developing from a bowling all-rounder into an aggressive opening batsman. He is a dependable medium pace bowler capable of swinging the ball both ways and he contributed well in the field. With improved concentration over long periods, he has the potential to become a genuine match-winner in 2026.

D Nadasan (captain, Honours): Nadasan captained the side with maturity and composure, earning the respect of his teammates through his leadership and calm decision-making. As an opening batsman, he provided stability at the top of the order, while his off-spin regularly produced crucial wickets. His improved fielding and commitment across all disciplines made him an invaluable member of the side.



All-rounder and top College batter, K de Bruyn, punches the ball away in the afternoon reply to the Hilton College visitors.

A Bharath (Large White Badge): Bharath is a talented top-order batsman who plays positively and is willing to take responsibility in key moments. His off-spin proved highly effective in controlling matches and producing breakthroughs. His energy and encouragement created a positive atmosphere within the team throughout the season.

K Dedekind (Large White Badge): Dedekind was one of the team's leading all-rounders, recording both the highest score and best bowling figures of the year. He bowls with genuine pace and swing, while his powerful batting makes him capable of dominating attacks. Combined with his strong fielding, his all-round contribution was invaluable to the side.

S Dzanibe (Honours): Dzanibe was a dependable all-round performer, consistently troubling batsmen with his left-arm medium-fast bowling and contributing valuable runs with aggressive stroke play. He was also one of the team's strongest fielders, bringing energy and intensity in the field. His excellent season earned him selection for both the Tuskers U19 side and the Coastal Conquerors at National Club Week.

Deolyn Naidoo (Large White Badge): Naidoo is a naturally gifted all-rounder with the ability to impact games with both bat and ball. He was outstanding in the field, taking several excellent catches and bringing energy to the side. As he continues to back his ability in match situations, he has the potential to become a genuine match-winner.

D du Toit (Large White Badge): Du Toit's power hitting and dependable medium-fast bowling made him a valuable member of the team. His lower-order batting proved decisive in several important victories, while his calmness at the death with the ball added balance to the attack. He also contributed strongly in the field with his athleticism and safe hands.

J Currie (Large White Badge): Currie enjoyed an impressive season, improving significantly both as a wicket-keeper and batsman. His innovative stroke play and sharp running between the wickets made him difficult to contain, while his work behind the stumps became increasingly reliable. His competitiveness and fighting spirit added real value to the team.

R Willson (Honours): Willson was a key member of the bowling attack, using his ability to swing the ball both ways to consistently trouble opposition batsmen. With the bat, he showed himself to be a technically sound and dependable player. His strong work ethic and contributions in the field made him an important all-round asset to the side.

S Hughes (Honours): Hughes led the bowling attack impressively with his left-arm pace and ability to swing the ball at good speed. He worked hard on developing variations and game plans, adding depth to his bowling. A disciplined, team-first cricketer, he also contributed valuable lower-order runs and remained reliable in the field.

N Pembridge (*Large White Badge*): Pembridge was one of the team’s most influential bowlers this season, claiming an outstanding 53 wickets with his slow left-arm spin. His consistency, control and ability to break partnerships regularly shifted momentum in the team’s favour. A hard-working and dependable performer, he was central to the side’s success.

L Puddu: Puddu is a naturally aggressive left-handed batsman capable of changing the momentum of a game in just a few deliveries. He showed encouraging improvement in the field throughout the season and developed into a more reliable contributor. As one of the younger players in the squad, continued hard work will allow him to fulfil his considerable potential.

L Venter: Venter is a skilful and versatile bowler who can perform effectively in all phases of an innings. He also showed encouraging progress with the bat, developing into a more reliable lower-order player. Combined with his safe hands and strong throwing arm in the field, he became an important member of the side.

M Bisset: Bisset is a hard-hitting all-rounder capable of swinging the ball both ways at good pace. His aggressive batting gives him the ability to change the course of an innings quickly, while his fielding improved steadily over the season. His commitment to improving all aspects of his game has been commendable.

T van Niekerk (*Large White Badge*): It was disappointing to lose van Niekerk midway through the season, as he is a talented wicketkeeper/ batsman with tremendous potential. An aggressive batsman capable of dominating attacks, he also made steady progress behind the stumps during his time in the 1st XI. His energy and enthusiasm added great value to the team.

E Bester (*Large White Badge*): He was a patient and reliable opening batsman who had the temperament and technique to occupy the crease for long periods of time. Bester brought fight to the team through his determination and drive. He was also a strong fielder who took many fine catches and was involved in numerous run-outs from the midwicket area.



Top College 1st XI bowler, D du Toit in an afternoon T20 at St Charles.

Match Reports
Saturday Fixtures

vs Westville Boys’ High School (50 overs) (Goldstone’s)

On a hot and humid Maritzburg morning, College welcomed Westville to Goldstone’s for an eagerly anticipated clash. Nadasan, the College captain, lost the toss and Westville elected to bat first in the hot conditions.

The College opening bowlers, Hughes and Willson, started impressively, keeping the opposition in check and restricting scoring opportunities. The breakthrough came in the 10th over when Willson struck, aided by a sharp catch from Dzanibe, leaving Westville 22 for 1. The turning point came with the introduction of tall fast bowler Dedekind, who delivered two game-changing spells. Dedekind wreaked havoc on the Westville batting lineup, claiming six wickets for 48 runs in 9.4 overs to dismiss the visitors for a modest total of 138 in the 40th over.

Chasing 139 for victory, College’s openers, Nadasan and Bester, laid a solid foundation with a partnership of 62. Bester fell for a patient 14, Westville struck twice more before tea, including the important wicket of Nadasan for a well-played 47, leaving the home team on 72 for 3 after 25 overs.

After the break, Westville’s bowlers tightened their grip, taking wickets at regular intervals and making scoring increasingly difficult for the College batters. The match hung in the balance until a crucial 8th-wicket stand between Dzanibe and Du Toit. Their composed partnership of 33 off 44 balls steadied the ship and carried College over the line with four overs to spare.

<i>Westville 138 all out</i>	<i>College 139 for 7</i>
<i>Dedekind 6 for 48</i>	<i>Nadasan 47</i>

College won by 3 wickets

vs Glenwood (50 overs) – Goldstone’s

On a sweltering day at Goldstone’s, Nadasan won the toss and chose to bat first, aiming to apply lessons from the previous weekend by batting the full 50 overs, reducing dot balls, and setting a target of around 200.

Glenwood’s bowlers were disciplined from the outset, offering few scoring opportunities. Bester was dismissed early with the score on 19, and College struggled to build momentum. By morning tea, the hosts had reached a cautious 63 for 3, with runs hard to come by.

The most productive partnership came between van der Merwe and Nadasan, who added 49. Van der Merwe’s dismissal left College under pressure, but late-order resistance from de Bruyn and Dzanibe lifted the innings. Nadasan anchored the effort with a composed top score of 44 as College reached 183 for 8 from their full allocation.

Defending 183, College produced a disciplined bowling display. Willson and Hughes set the tone with accuracy and pace, restricting Glenwood to 22 for 1 after 10 overs. Strong fielding and sustained pressure from Dzanibe and Pembridge reduced the visitors to 55 for 3 at tea.

After the interval, Pembridge and du Toit dominated, with Pembridge outstanding, taking 4 for 30. Glenwood were bowled out for 99 in the 40th over, giving College a convincing 84-run victory.

<i>College 183 for 8</i>	<i>Glenwood 99 all out</i>
<i>Nadasan 44</i>	<i>Pembridge 4 for 30</i>
	<i>Willson 2 for 11</i>

College won by 84 runs

vs Michaelhouse (50 overs) – Goldstone’s

Maritzburg College welcomed Michaelhouse to Goldstone’s on a cool, overcast morning. Despite overnight rain, the pitch remained unaffected, though a damp outfield awaited the players.

Michaelhouse won the toss and opted to bat first. Hughes struck early with a sharp in-swing, trapping the opener in front. Bester’s sharp fielding in the 4th over produced a crucial run-out before Hughes struck again in his 4th over, clean-bowling an opposition batter.

A brief recovery saw Michaelhouse reach 66 for 3, but the introduction of du Toit changed the game. His 6-over spell yielded just 9 runs and a remarkable 5 wickets, dismantling the middle order. Pembridge provided strong support, claiming 2 wickets in his 8-over spell. Michaelhouse collapsed to 92 all out in the 34th over.

College openers Nadasan and Bester safely negotiated a tricky 5-over period before lunch, reaching 18 without loss. After the break, Bester was

run out after some sharp fielding, bringing Willson to the crease. He and Nadasan added 44 before Willson fell to a catch down the leg side.

Dedekind joined his captain, scoring 17 off 11 balls, ensuring College chased down the target in the 25th over. Nadasan anchored the innings superbly, finishing unbeaten on 39 as the home team secured an 8-wicket victory on the stroke of tea.

<i>Michaelhouse 92 all out</i>	<i>College 93 for 2</i>
<i>du Toit 5 for 9</i>	<i>Nadasan 39*</i>
<i>Pembridge 2 for 14</i>	
<i>Hughes 2 for 14</i>	

College won by 8 wickets

vs Clifton (50 overs) – Goldstone’s

The inclement weather during the week meant a delayed start on Goldstone’s. College captain Nadasan lost the toss, and his Clifton counterpart had no hesitation in electing to bowl first on a pitch that had been under cover for two days.

The College openers started slowly, working hard to see off the new ball. Nadasan and Bester worked the ball around well getting to 35. Nadasan was the first to go and Bester followed the next over. A mix of good bowling and poor shot selection saw College slump to the precarious position of 64 for 6. Wicket-keeper van Niekerk and Dzanibe batted intelligently getting their team to 130, Dzanibe was well caught for 36 off 45 balls. The innings ended 26 runs later, two unconvincing LBW decisions denying van Niekerk a well-deserved half century, van Niekerk finishing on 47 not out. College all out for 156 with 3 overs to spare.

Clifton started slowly, losing their first wicket with the score on 21 in the 7th over. Unfortunately, in the 10th over the lightening siren went off forcing the players off the field, the umpires called for an early tea but during the tea break persistent rain and more lightening ensured the players would not return. The match was abandoned with Clifton on 26 for 1.

<i>College 144 all out</i>	<i>Clifton 26 for 1</i>
<i>van Niekerk 47*</i>	
<i>Dzanibe 36</i>	

Match abandoned

vs Northwood (50 overs) – Goldstone’s

On a warm Pietermaritzburg morning, the Northwood captain won the toss and, with the pitch looking good for batting, elected to bat first.

Northwood’s openers got off to a solid start, putting together a 36-run partnership in 12 overs. College’s new-ball duo, Hughes and Willson, bowled with discipline, frequently beating the bat without reward. It was the introduction of Dzanibe that provided the breakthrough in his first over.

By tea, Northwood had negotiated the session well, reaching 104 for 1 after 25 overs, leaving the match finely balanced. After the break, College’s bowlers applied pressure, restricting the scoring rate and preventing Northwood from pushing on to a truly imposing total.

The pick of the College bowlers were captain Nadasan and Willson. It was, however, du Toit who bowled his 8 overs for just 14 runs and that put a stop to the scoring.

Northwood finished on 207 for 6 in their 50 overs, a competitive but not unassailable total.

College’s chase started with a 30-run opening stand, but Bester was run out in the 8th over. Willson followed soon after with the score on 39, leaving College in need of a stabilising partnership. The largest stand of the innings was for the third wicket, where Nadasan and Dedekind added 36 runs. However, both fell in quick succession with the score on 75, putting College on the back foot.

The next biggest partnership of the innings for College was that of 33 between Hughes and du Toit for the 9th wicket. College was bowled out for 157 in the 41st over, falling 50 runs short.

<i>Northwood 207 for 6</i>	<i>College 157 all out</i>
<i>Nadasan 2 for 34</i>	<i>Nadasan 36</i>
<i>Willson 2 for 23</i>	

Northwood won by 50 runs

100 Ball Triangular vs Westville and DHS (Westville)

On a warm and sunny day, the Maritzburg College 1st XI travelled to Westville for a 100-ball triangular against DHS and the hosts, Westville. In the opening fixture, College took on Westville. Captain Nadasan won the toss and elected to bowl first on a dry, grassy pitch. The bowlers started well, showing excellent discipline, they were well supported by sharp fielding. Although College only managed four wickets, they never allowed the opposition to accelerate. Left-arm spinner Pembridge was the pick of the bowlers with 2 for 18 from his 20 balls, he was supported by seamers Dedekind and du Toit.

Westville posted 111 for 4 in their 100 balls, a total that looked tricky to defend, but after they struck twice in the powerplay to remove both College openers, they may have felt they had a chance to defend their score. However, Dedekind and Naidoo combined superbly, putting together a match-winning stand of 99. Dedekind was the aggressor, smashing 62* off 33 balls, while Naidoo played a composed hand with 34* from 25 balls, guiding College home with 27 balls to spare.

<i>Westville 111 for 4</i>	<i>College 112 for 2</i>
<i>Pembridge 2 for 18</i>	<i>Dedekind 62* Naidoo 33*</i>

College won by 8 wickets

In the game against DHS, College lost the toss and were asked to bowl. The bowling attack did not show the discipline as in the first game, but they still prevented DHS from running away with the contest until the closing stages. The final 15 balls proved costly, with DHS hammering 37 runs in that period. Du Toit again impressed with 2 for 25 from his 20 balls, while Dedekind bowled a miserly spell of 10 balls for just 7 runs. Two wickets fell to outstanding catches, one by Venter and another by wicket-keeper Currie. DHS closed on 136 for 4.

The chase started promisingly, but College struggled to build momentum, losing wickets just as they looked to reassert themselves. The best stand came from Puddu and du Toit, who added 35. Puddu top-scored with 28, showing good intent.

The match ended in controversy. With 24 runs needed from 11 balls, Willson was caught at long-off. The fielder, close to the boundary cushion, flicked the ball back into play, College supporters were certain he had made contact with the rope, while DHS supporters were equally convinced he had not. The call went DHS’s way, and with only a single taken from the shot, the tail was exposed. Three balls later, the innings was wrapped up, College bowled out for 113 with seven deliveries remaining. DHS claimed victory by 23 runs.

<i>DHS 136 for 4</i>	<i>College 113 all out</i>
<i>du Toit 2 for 23</i>	<i>Puddu 28</i>

DHS won by 23 runs

vs Hilton College (50 overs) – Goldstone’s

Nadasan won the toss on Goldstone’s and had no hesitation in electing to bat on a wicket that looked like it may get lower and slower as the day progressed.

College started well with openers Nadasan and de Bruyn putting on 90 for the first wicket, de Bruyn the first to go, narrowly missing out on a half century. This was College biggest partnership of the innings, a mix of good bowling and poor shot selection never allowed College to set up a big target, the visitors were able to break a partnership before it could develop into something substantial. Currie and Dzanibe gave the innings some impetuous with a partnership of 37 off 23 balls. Unfortunately for College,

both batsmen got out in quick succession. College were disappointed in not batting out their overs, all out for 200 in the 47th over. Captain Nadasan with the top score of 56.

Hilton started well, because the College new-ball attack allowed their opening batsmen to score square of the wicket. The visitors raced to 25 without loss in the 5th over. Once the College seam bowlers got their lines and lengths right, it made scoring difficult for the opposition batsmen. Hilton scored only 18 runs in the next 10 overs and College picked up 2 wickets. It was in the 16th over that the lightening siren took the players off the field; unfortunately no further play took place. The game was abandoned with Hilton 43 for 2.

College 200 all out
Nadasan 56
de Bruyn 48

Hilton 43 for 2

Match abandoned



S Hughes in action on Goldstone's.

vs St Charles (50 overs) – Goldstone's

Maritzburg College's 1st XI faced cross-city rivals St Charles College on Goldstone's under punishing conditions. As former College Old Boy and coach Doug Watson once observed, on days like these the captain need only look to the sky rather than the pitch. With temperatures climbing into the high 30s, the heat was always likely to influence the toss.

St Charles won it and immediately chose to bat. College made an early breakthrough when Dedekind snaffled a juggling catch at slip off Hughes with the score on 22. Hughes was unlucky not to add another, with two strong appeals turned down in successive overs.

Dzanibe claimed the second wicket, well held by Naidoo, leaving the visitors 59 for 2. Despite disciplined bowling and committed fielding in the extreme heat, College struggled to find further breakthroughs. Late partnerships, including a run-a-ball stand of 49 for the sixth wicket, lifted St Charles to a competitive 245 for 7.

College's reply started cautiously, with Nadasan dismissed early. Bharath and de Bruyn steadied the innings before Dedekind joined Bharath in a decisive 107-run partnership. Bharath made a composed 84, while Dedekind remained unbeaten on 86 as College cruised to a six-wicket win with 13 balls to spare.

St Charles 245 for 7
Nadasan 2 for 30
Hughes 2 for 39

College 249 for 4
Dedekind 86*
Bharath 84; de Bruyn 35

College won by 6 wickets

vs Glenwood (50 overs) – away

Maritzburg College 1st XI travelled to Durban to face Glenwood on Dixon's Oval under markedly different conditions to the previous week, with overcast skies greeting the teams. Glenwood won the toss and, noting the generous grass covering, elected to bowl first.

College's openers Nadasan and de Bruyn made a positive start, adding 56 before Nadasan was dismissed for a patient 26 from 55 balls. Thereafter, the College top order found scoring difficult on a slow surface, particularly against Glenwood's spin, slipping to 83 for 4 after 23 overs.

After tea, Dedekind and Dzanibe rebuilt the innings with composure and purpose. Rotating the strike efficiently and capitalising on loose deliveries, they added a vital 124-run partnership from 132 balls. Dedekind top-scored with a fluent 62 from 60 deliveries, while Dzanibe contributed a measured 56 off 85, guiding College to a competitive 235 for 7.

Glenwood's reply was tentative from the outset as threatening weather loomed. Willson struck twice early before the spinners took control. Pembroke claimed two wickets before tea, his second bringing up 50 for the season, leaving Glenwood 44 for 4. Dzanibe later returned to finish with 4 for 15 as College sealed a convincing 101-run victory.

College 235 for 7
Dedekind 62
Dzanibe 56; de Bruyn 34

Glenwood 134 for 9
Dzanibe 4 for 15

College won by 101 runs

vs Northwood (50 overs) – away

The Northwood captain won the toss and chose to bat first, a decision that did not disappoint College captain Nadasan. Left-arm seamer, Hughes, struck early, taking three wickets in his opening spell. When Dzanibe picked up his first, Northwood were under pressure at 59 for 4 in the 17th over.

However, a crucial partnership of 95 off 160 balls steadied the innings and helped the hosts reach a defendable total of 199 for 6. Hughes was the pick of the bowlers, finishing with 3 for 53 from his 10 overs, while du Toit bowled an exceptionally tight spell, 5 overs for just 5 runs.

College's chase began cautiously, and unfortunately that set the tone for the innings. The visitors struggled to build any meaningful partnerships and were continually under pressure on a slow wicket. A Bharath was the only batsman to challenge the opposition attack with a well-compiled 47, but when he fell as the eighth wicket, College's hopes faded. College were eventually bowled out for 141, handing Northwood a deserved 58-run victory.

Northwood 199 for 6
Hughes 3 for 53

College 141 all out
Bharath 47

Northwood won by 58 runs



The Northwood keeper watches S Dzanibe flicks the ball through the leg side in their Saturday 50-over game on Goldstone's.

Festivals

Clifton T20 Festival

The Maritzburg College 1st XI once again participated in the Clifton T20 Festival. Drawn in Pool A with the hosts Clifton, Michaelhouse and Kearsney, the festival started with a live TV game against Clifton.

Game 1 vs Clifton
Clifton 168 for 5
Dzanibe 2 for 30

College 169 for 5
van Niekerk 45; Puddu 33
Dzanibe 38

College won by 5 wickets

Game 2 vs Kearsney
Cancelled without a ball being bowled due to inclement weather

Game 3 vs Michaelhouse
Michaelhouse 126 for 3
Michaelhouse won by 19 runs

College 107 for 5
van Niekerk 39; Nadasan 35

Game 4 vs Waterkloof
College 126 for 9
Waterkloof won by 7 wickets

Waterkloof 127 for 3

St George's T20 Festival - Harare

A very excited 1st XI travelled to Harare to take part in the annual St George's T20 Festival. With a number of new faces in the squad, the team opened their week-long tour with three warm-up matches, enjoyed a day off on Wednesday, and then got stuck into the business end of the festival. College were drawn in Pool D with Hellenic Academy and St Andrew's College B.

Game 1 vs Peterhouse
Peterhouse 115 for 8
College won by 7 wickets

College 117 for 3
Dzanibe 58*; du Toit 31*

Game 2 vs Hellenic Academy
Hellenic 152 for 8
Dzanibe 3 for 17
Hellenic won by 75 runs

College 77 all out

Game 3 vs St Andrew's B
College 175 all out
Currie 37
Bisset 35*
College won by 46 runs

St Andrews B 129 for 9
Pembroke 3 for 19
Willson 3 for 27

Super Six Stage

Game 4 vs St Alban's
College 113 all out
St Alban's won by 7 wickets

St Alban's 116 for 3

Game 5 vs Prince Edward
Prince Edward 122 for 5
Willson 4 for 29
College won by 8 wickets
The win secured College a place in the semi-final.

College 124 for 2
Dzanibe 62*; de Bruyn 36*

Semi-final vs St Andrew's A
St Andrew's A 129 for 9
College 96 all out
de Bruyn 30

St Andrew's A won by 33 runs

St Andrew's went on to win the final against local favourites Hellenic Academy.

One Insurance Eston Night League

Maritzburg College once again competed in the prestigious One Insurance Eston Night League, progressing through a tough pool featuring Hilton College, Michaelhouse and Glenwood High School to reach the final.

After an opening defeat to Hilton, College bounced back with an excellent victory over Glenwood, led by Pembroke's outstanding bowling. A thrilling win over Michaelhouse secured a semi-final place, with Willson holding his nerve in the final over.

In the semi-final against St Charles College, Nadasan and de Bruyn shared a superb 150-run opening partnership to guide College to 176. After a lightning interruption and revised target, du Toit kept his composure in a tense finish to seal a dramatic victory.

College met tournament favourites DHS in the final. Despite bowling them out, College struggled to build partnerships in reply and finished as runners-up after an impressive campaign.

Match 1 vs Hilton College

College 123 for 7
Currie 30*
College lost by 6 wickets

Hilton 124 for 4

Match 2 vs Glenwood
College 115 for 8
College won by 11 runs

Glenwood 104 for 9
Pembroke 3 for 15

Match 3 vs Michaelhouse
College 149 for 7
du Toit 42; Dedekind 38
College won by 6 runs

Michaelhouse 143 for 6

Semi-final vs St Charles
College 176 for 2
Nadasan 79*; de Bruyn 61
College won by 4 runs

St Charles 93 for 4 (revised target 98)

Final vs DHS
DHS 135 all out
du Toit 3 for 17; Willson 3 for 23
College lost by 64 runs

College 71 all out



With his priorities well under control, T Boshoff (centre) keeps his eye on the score (while studying his notes ahead of a major exam the next day,) during the tense final against DHS played at Eston. Meanwhile, N Breedt (left) and D Colenbrander (right) keep an eye on the camera.



Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Festival

Maritzburg College enjoyed a highly successful 2025 Michaelmas Cricket Week on Goldstone's, producing some outstanding team and individual performances. The Red, Black and White recorded three wins from four matches, defeating Pretoria Boys High, St John's College and Paarl Boys High, while falling only to a strong Grey College side.



Launching the Michaelmas Cricket Festival on Goldstone's the College captain, D Nadasan, greets the Pretoria Boys High School captain at the toss ahead of the first match of the Festival.

Match 1 vs Pretoria Boys High School

College	Pretoria Boys High
279 all out	150 all out
Dedekind 74	Nadasan 3 for 5
De Bruyn 57	Hughes 2 for 26
Dzanibe 29	Pembridge 2 for 42

College won by 129 runs

Match 2 vs St John's College

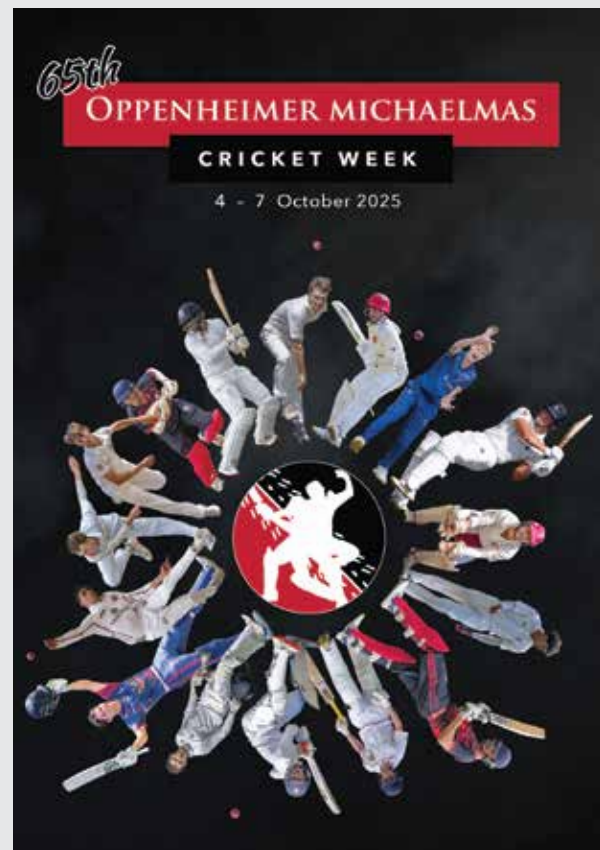
College	St John's
245 all out	204 all out
Currie 61	Hughes 3 for 37
Bharath 52; Puddu 39	Pembridge 2 for 61

College won by 41 runs

Match 3 vs Grey College

Grey College	College
292 for 7	129 all out
Hughes 2 for 23	Nadasan 28
Willson 2 for 48	Naidoo 28

Grey College won by 163 runs



Representing cricket schools from around South Africa, the cover of the Oppenheimer Michaelmas Cricket Week programme featured bowlers, batters and wicket-keepers from a variety of schools who would be participating in the Michaelmas Cricket Week.

Match 4 vs Paarl Boys' High

College	Paarl Boys High
168 for 3	150 for 7
de Bruyn 57	Dzanibe 3 for 16
Dzanibe 54*	Dedekind 2 for 18
Nadasan 33	

College won by 18 runs

Mr R Coutts



Head Groundsman, Mr D Veitch, (in the white College sweater) and his crew are hard at work on the College cricket fields preparing pitches long before the players have even got out of bed! Here they are on Goldstone's before the opening game in the Michaelmas Cricket Week.



The Maritzburg College 1st XI greet the camera ahead of their evening showdown against Durban High School in the One Insurance Night League final on the Eston Cricket Club oval.

1st XI Statistics - BATTING

Name		Matches	Innings	Not out	Runs	Average	Strike Rate	Highest Score
K de Bruyn	50 overs	11	10	0	246	24,6	68	57
	T20	19	18	4	347	24,8	105,8	61
	100 ball	3	3	0	17	5,7	54,8	7
D Nadasan	50 overs	13	13	1	371	30,9	49,8	56
	T20	22	20	2	344	19,1	103,3	79*
	100 ball	6	5	0	83	16,6	96,5	25
T van Niekerk	50 overs	10	5	1	83	20,8	58,5	47*
	T20	20	6	1	138	27,6	103	45
	100 ball	6	4	1	97	32,3	119,8	55
E Bester	50 overs	10	6	0	91	15,2	45,5	32
	T20	21	4	0	10	2,5	25,6	6
	100 ball	4	1	1	1	1	50	1*
D Naidoo	50 overs	9	8	0	58	7,3	45	28
	T20	20	4	1	28	9,3	90,3	14
	100 ball	5	4	2	69	34,5	146,8	34*
S Hughes	50 overs	13	7	3	31	7,8	68,9	22*
	T20	22	7	2	31	6,2	75,6	11
	100 ball	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
N Pembridge	50 overs	13	4	0	2	0,5	6,1	1
	T20	21	5	3	11	5,5	64,7	8*
	100 ball	6	1	0	0	0	0	0
K Dedekind	50 overs	13	13	2	334	30,4	95,7	86*
	T20	22	11	0	176	16	126,6	38
	100 ball	6	6	2	185	46,3	166,7	70
L Puddu	50 overs	9	5	0	70	14	57,4	39
	T20	19	15	2	267	20,5	103,9	55*
	100 ball	5	4	1	32	10,7	103,3	13
D du Toit	50 overs	13	10	3	100	14,3	86,2	19*
	T20	23	12	4	173	21,6	109,5	42
	100 ball	6	2	1	30	30	142,9	28
A Bharath	50 overs	9	8	1	214	30,6	69,5	84
	T20	20	13	3	186	18,6	94,9	61
	100 ball	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
R Willson	50 overs	13	11	3	110	13,8	44,4	25
	T20	23	12	6	113	18,8	92,6	31*
	100 ball	6	2	2	11	-	100	9*
L van der Merwe	50 overs	10	7	0	84	12	50,3	28
	T20	22	14	3	111	10,1	75,5	29*
	100 ball	5	3	0	55	18,3	112,2	38
M Bisset	T20	9	6	3	96	32	128	35*
J Currie	50 overs	6	6	0	114	19	139	61
	T20	12	10	4	129	21,5	103,2	37
	100 ball	1	1	0	3	3	75	3
S Dzanibe	50 overs	13	12	3	268	29,8	77,7	56*
	T20	22	19	6	386	29,7	129,1	62*
	100 ball	6	3	0	35	11,7	102,9	15
L Venter	T20	11	1	0	0	0	0	0
	100 ball	2	1	0	3	3	75	3



1st XI Statistics - BOWLING

Name		Matches	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average	Best Bowling
D du Toit	50 overs	13	68.4	16	200	11	18,2	5 for 9
	T20	23	52.1	0	298	13	22,9	4 for 18
	100 ball	6	19	2	80	3	26,7	2 for 25
D Nadasan	50 overs	13	42	1	157	11	14,3	3 for 5
	T20	22	11	0	64	4	16	3 for 8
	100 ball	6	14	2	57	4	14,3	3 for 9
D Naidoo	50 overs	9	4	0	16	1	16	1 for 16
	T20	20	3	0	21	0	-	0 for 21
	100 ball	5	5	1	11	1	11	1 for 8
S Hughes	50 overs	13	81	16	307	20	15,4	5 for 54
	T20	22	56.2	0	387	13	29,8	3 for 11
	100 ball	6	9.4	2	41	2	20,5	1 for 13
N Pembridge	50 overs	13	95.3	6	354	15	23,6	4 for 30
	T20	21	62	3	325	26	12,5	3 for 15
	100 ball	6	24	2	107	10	10,7	3 for 15
L Venter	T20	11	9.3	0	180	7	25,7	2 for 19
	100 ball	2	8	0	50	1	50	1 for 26
M Bisset	T20	9	16	0	105	3	35	1 for 11
A Bharath	50 overs	9	44	2	151	1	151	1 for 37
	T20	20	34	1	221	10	22,1	2 for 11
K Dedekind	50 overs	13	30.4	4	161	9	17,9	6 for 48
	T20	22	18	1	108	5	21,6	2 for 18
	100 ball	6	5	0	24	1	24	1 for 7
R Willson	50 overs	13	85	10	330	13	25,4	2 for 12
	T20	23	76	1	471	27	17,4	4 for 29
	100 ball	6	18.4	3	95	2	47,5	1 for 2
K de Bruyn	50 overs	11	5	0	17	1	17	1 for 14
	T20	19	9	0	79	0	-	0 for 5
S Dzanibe	50 overs	13	60.5	4	271	11	24,6	4 for 15
	T20	22	57.4	2	349	23	15,2	3 for 4
	100 Ball	6	12	0	73	1	73	1 for 18



College boys in training give generous smiles with “Mike”, the 1st XI cricket mascot.

2nd XI

The 2025 season was rather disappointing results wise, but the manner in which the boys played the game was very admirable. There was some fantastic camaraderie between the players which translated into a series of fine performances on the field. The team was a fantastic blend of seasoned veterans and fresh youngsters all held together by a fine skipper. The players backed up their fine spirit with serious efforts during the week at practice.

Term 1 produced some fine cricket with two wins against Westville and Northwood, the hallmarks of the term. There was some very mediocre cricket at times. The result against Michaelhouse springs to mind but there was no lack of a willingness to improve and every week the boys worked extremely hard at improving. The exuberant way they played the game was very pleasing but at times that exuberance did not translate into wins.

The third term ushered in a new set of recruits as the U16s merged seamlessly into the team. Their ability was plainly evident, and it showed immediately with a great win away against Kearsney to kick-start the rest of the season. The 100 ball games against Westville and DHS were a lottery due to the nature of the format. The match against Hilton was very much in the balance after College batted really well to set a very defendable total. The weather gods intervened though and with thunder crashing all around the ground, the match was abandoned. The loss against St Charles was particularly galling as the team was completely outclassed. A good win against the Hillcrest 1st XI was a particular highlight of the term.

The team was ably led by Deolyn Naidoo in the first term until he got the call up to the 1st XI. C van Rooyen then took over the captaincy, and he did a fine job of marshalling his troops. Thanks to the Sixth Formers who played through their trail and final exams. They set a great example for the juniors.

I thank Mr Riley-James Coutts for all he did throughout the cricket season. His enthusiasm for the game and wanting a high standard from the boys will bear fruit. I must also thank the parents who supported the boys throughout the season.

Regular players:

C van Rooyen (captain), Deron Naidoo, Deolyn Naidoo, N Naidoo, A Bharath, A Barnes, K de Bruyn, E Clark, G Hosking, E Fabre, J Currie, J Pembridge, L Puddu, L van der Merwe, L Venter, R Venter, M Bisset, R Shirge, T Katz

Results:

vs Westville	won by 23 runs (Schirge 34, Currie 24, Deolyn Naidoo 4/24, Deron Naidoo 3/10, Bharath 3/22)
vs Glenwood	lost by 92 runs (Bharath 4/24)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 9 wickets
vs Clifton	lost by 12 runs (Bharath 4/37, N Naidoo 3/33, van Rooyen 42, Currie 39, Bharath 39)
vs Northwood	won by 8 wickets (Barnes 5/15, de Bruyn 3/16 and 25, Currie 21*, Deolyn Naidoo 20*)
vs Kearsney	won by 8 wickets (Bisset 4/19, Bharath 3/15, Bharath 93*, van der Merwe 36*)
vs Westville (100 Ball)	lost by 6 wickets (Pembridge 56*, van Rooyen 31)
vs DHS (100 ball)	won by 24 runs (Bharath 51)
vs Hilton College	match abandoned (Hosking 55, Puddu 35)
vs St Charles	lost by 128 runs (Puddu 31, Bisset 34)
vs Hillcrest	won by 6 wickets (Barnes 3/17, R Venter 2/20, Deron Naidoo 43, Puddu 36, Jursa 33*)
vs Northwood	lost by 7 wickets

Messrs T Orchard and R-J Coutts

3rd XI

The 3rd XI produced a solid and consistent season in 2025, playing disciplined cricket across both terms. In Term 1 the team settled quickly, building competitive totals, bowling with control and maintaining good intensity in the field. Their ability to build partnerships and apply sustained pressure allowed them to close out several well-earned victories.

Term 3 and 4 brought fresh combinations in the 100-ball format and its challenges, but the group adapted well. They continued to show strong fundamentals, managing run chases, using the conditions intelligently with the ball, and improving their fielding standards. The squad played with unity and determination throughout, and we look forward to the continued growth of those returning next season.

Regular players:

J Armstrong, B Barnard, K Botha, T Ekerold, C Francis, D Jursa, T Kruger, S Pedlar, K Singh, M Smart, W Strachan, S Wiggill, L Marcus, E Fabre, T Smith, T Katz, W van Rooyen, T Stead, Meyer, J Thomas, R Schirge, R Schoeman

Results:

vs Westville	won by 4 wickets
vs Glenwood	won by 14 runs (Armstrong 3/7, Kruger 3/13)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 124 runs (Botha 3/19 and 40)
vs Clifton	match cancelled
vs Kearsney	won by 36 runs (Jursa 87, Barnard 3/10)
vs Northwood	won by 8 wickets (Botha 51*, Jursa 40)
vs Kearsney	lost by 17 runs (Marcus 4/31, Fabre 3/21, Jursa 52)
vs DHS (100 ball)	won by 62 runs (van Rooyen 50*)
vs Westville (100 ball)	lost by 5 wickets
vs Hilton College	match abandoned (Jursa 51, Fabre 43, Marcus 3/25)
vs St Charles	won by 74 runs (Wiggill 67, Smith 43)
vs Howick 1st	match abandoned (Stead 3/36)
vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets (Wiggill 6/34)

Messrs L Barnard and S Sinclair



K Dedekind at his aggressive bowling best.

4th XI

In the first term, the 4th team produced a mixed set of results, winning two matches and losing two. The season opened with an exciting away fixture against Glenwood. Part-time bowler K Jenkins made an early breakthrough by removing Glenwood's big hitter for 15. In a dramatic final over, D Jackson dismissed Glenwood's top scorer with his first delivery and went on to complete a remarkable hat-trick to wrap up the innings. The chase for victory was challenged by fading light, but R Armoed and G Askew showed great composure. Armoed worked the singles smartly to keep Askew on strike, and Askew batted superbly to secure the win in the 16th over.

The third term again delivered mixed results, largely due to an unsettled team and significant changes to the lineup. The inability to chase runs proved costly at times, with poor shot selection and inconsistent batting contributing to the outcomes.

The players' continued improvement will depend on their consistency, determination and commitment to regular practice. I extend my sincere thanks to the parents for their unwavering support throughout the season, and to the boys who consistently go the extra mile. We wish all our players well as they continue to grow in their cricketing journeys.

Regular players:

C Wilson, G Askew, D Jackson, Y Aheer, K Leonard, R Armoed, B Barnard, L Sinkfontein, T Brande, L Fitz, A Hukum, N Seakeco, M Smart, B Zakwe, O Mhlanga, S Schirge, K Hellberg, B Mnguni, T Kruger

Results:

vs Westville (a)	won by 6 wickets (Aheer 4/20, Leonard 2/3, Wilson 2/3, Tilbury 13*, Jackson 12)
vs Glenwood (h)	won by 5wickets (Jackson 5/18 and 24, Askew 43*, Aheer 19)
vs Kearsney (a)	lost by 33 runs (Askew 2/17 and 55, Armoed 30, Borchers 21)
vs Northwood (h)	lost by 7 wickets (Smart 18, Aheer 17, Wilson 2/21)
vs Kearsney (h)	won by 10 wickets (Mnguni 3/16, Smart 2/13, Mhlanga 2/17, Thomas 45*, Wiggill 28*)
vs Westville 4ths (h)	won by 31 runs (Barnard 46*, Gwala 17, Mnguni 4/26, Mhlanga 3/13)
vs Howick 1st (a)	lost by 35 runs (Kruger 5/28, Smart 28, Seakeco 24)
vs Maritzburg College 5ths (h)	lost by 2 runs (Mhlanga 2/14, Schirge 2/20, Barnard 61*, Kruger 39)
vs St Charles 4ths (h)	lost by 54 runs (Mnguni 3/15, Aheer 15)
vs Northwood (h)	lost by 28 runs (Hellberg 2,26, Volans 2/19, Smart 41, Hendriks 25)

Mr V Noubouth



With the 2024 cricket captain, C Mason, visiting for the afternoon, the College 1st XI watch the fortunes of their batters on Goldstone's during the entertaining T20 friendly against the city's Riverwood College.

5th XI and 6th XI

The 5th and 6th teams worked together as a single squad throughout the 3rd and 4th term season, with most players getting caps for both teams. Practices were always well attended by as many as 30 boys, a remarkable turnout which displayed the spirit and commitment that characterised this talented squad.

The 5th XI, ably led by captain C Wilson, had an excellent season going undefeated. S Bernstein was superb with both bat and ball, always finding a way to contribute positively to the team. The highlight for the season was undoubtedly the 2-run victory against the 4th XI in an internal match played on Goldstone's, where the team played brilliantly to defeat their more fancied opposition.

The 6th XI also had a good season, with the victory away at St Charles considered as one of their best performances. J Lubbe scored a quick-fire 63* to ensure St Charles were always going to be under too much pressure in their run chase. Hopes of also going undefeated were dashed in the final game against Northwood, but the team performed admirably in the face of strong opposition on the day.

We commend the squad on their outstanding effort and attitude throughout the season, and we wish them all well in 2026.

Regular players:

M Ahmed, A Anthony, D Arouca, R Badenhorst, S Bernstein, R Boshoff, T Brande, C Coetzer, D Dry, J Dunne, JL Hendriks, H Kyle, J Lubbe, S Maharaj, N Mathapershad, D Matthee, M Msimango, C Ncwane, R Quin, D Rajarathnam, C Scholtz, J Shawe, T van Staden, M Vayani, M Venter, M Volans, J White, C Wilson

Results:

5th

vs Kearsney	won by 9 wickets
vs Westville	won by 30 runs (Bernstein 40, Lubbe 3/17)
vs Hilton College 4th	won by 8 wickets (Bernstein 4/10, Volans 3/8, Wilson 3/6)
vs Howick 2nd	won by 36 runs (Dunne 4/7)
vs College 4th	won by 2 runs
vs Northwood	won by 7 wickets (Rajarathnam 4/22, Aheer 34)

6th XI

vs Westville	won by 76 runs (Hendriks 78, Ahmed 30, van Staden 4/12)
vs Hilton College 5th	match cancelled
vs St Charles 5th	won by 34 runs (Lubbe 63*, Mathapershad 4/20)
vs Howick 2nd	match cancelled
vs Northwood	lost by 118 runs (Dunne 30)

Messrs R Bremner and C White





U16A

Back row: T Stead, N Lessing, L Puddu, M Bisset
Middle row: L Marcus, R Schoeman, L Venter, M Meyer
Front row: J Pembridge, G Hosking (captain), Mr J McCabe, W van Rooyen, T Smith

The transition from U15A to U16A cricket can often feel like a leap into deeper waters but for this talented group of young cricketers, it looked effortless. Carrying their form, discipline and hunger for success straight into the new age group, the U16A squad produced a season that any team would be proud to call their own.

They displayed their maturity and growing dominance on the field, as they were able to beat some of the toughest opponents on the school circuit, namely Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Clifton. All respected cricketing schools, they were outplayed by a team that combined sharp tactical awareness with individual brilliance. Each match highlighted not only the College players talent but also their ability to stay composed under pressure, adapt to conditions and play for one another.

What has stood out most is the unity within this group. Many of these players have grown together through the years, and that chemistry has become one of their greatest assets. Whether with bat, ball or in the field, there was a collective belief and confidence that set them apart.

The players should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved this season, learning how to adapt as well as each player playing a pivotal role match by match allowed the team to combine and overcome the challenges that were in front of them.

As for the future, I could not be more excited. If this year is anything to go by, these boys are on track to excel even further over the next few years. Their potential is undeniable, their attitude is inspiring and their journey is only just beginning.

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, J Thomas, T Smith, N Lessing

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 83 runs (Schoeman 6/36)
vs Glenwood	won by 43 runs (Schoeman 4/19)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 24 runs (Schoeman 4/11)
vs Clifton	won by 10 wickets (Bisset 4/24, van Rooyen 3/7)
vs Northwood	lost by 9 wickets

Messrs J McCabe and J Meiring



R Willson on the attack in an afternoon T20 at St Charles College.

U16B

The U16B team enjoyed a solid season and, at times, played some superb cricket. Their comprehensive demolishing of Glenwood highlighting how well they could play when they put their minds to it. Co-captains, S Schirge and O Mhlanga, led the team with maturity and determination throughout, and were excellent as the opening bowling pair, while a few players earned call ups to the U16A team through their consistent performances. Sadly, the weather did not always allow us to get out onto the pitch, with three fixtures being cancelled, meaning their match sharpness was never able to fully develop. Still, they always gave of their best every time they stepped out onto the field, and it was a pleasure to coach this team. I thank them for their commitment and efforts throughout the season.

Regular players:

R Badenhorst, J Dunne, K Hellberg, H Kyle, N Lessing, J Lubbe, B Mnguni, O Mhlanga, S Schirge, T Smith, J Thomas, M Venter, M Volans, B Zakwe

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 57 runs (Schirge 3/19, Lessing 30)
vs Glenwood	won by 227 runs (Badenhorst 54, Thomas 39, Zakwe 38, Lessing 37, Schirge 6/17, Mhlanga 4/19)
vs Michaelhouse	match cancelled
vs Howick 1st XI	won by 7 wickets (Zakwe 3/16, Lessing 59*)
vs Michaelhouse	match cancelled
vs Kearsney	match cancelled
vs Northwood	lost by 6 wickets (Venter 38)

Mr R Bremner

U16C

The U16C team enjoyed a highly successful first term of cricket, characterised by several memorable team performances and notable individual contributions. Although the U16 age group competes only during the first term, the players approached every fixture with determination, discipline and commendable competitive spirit.

Regular players:

M Ahmed, A Anthony, S Bernstein, D Dry, N Matherpershad, D Matthee, B Mnguni, Y Moodley, D Rajarathnam, D Scholtz, J Shawe, M Volans, J White

Results:

vs Westville	won by 79 runs
vs Glenwood	won by 204 runs (Venter 107, Rajarathnam 58, Anthony 3/5, Mnguni 3/8)
vs Howick	won by 7 wickets
vs Northwood	lost by 3 wickets

Mr J Maistry



U15A

Back row: T Bhatt, H Storm, B Brigg, J Greaves
Second row: T Addison, L Bishop, K Bayliss-Lane, S Ramraj
Front row: W Johnson, J Wilson, Mr J McCabe, R Palmer (captain), S Wessels
Absent: Mr L Barnard



U15A

The U15A side completed a demanding first term, playing six fixtures with 2 wins, 3 losses and 1 washout, and competing in the 100-ball competition, where they won one of three games but did not progress. The boys showed strong commitment in training, reflected in consistent bowling and sharp fielding that kept matches competitive. However, a lack of runs, particularly in the middle order, often left them on the back foot early and unable to post or chase competitive totals in tight games.

The fourth term proved equally challenging, with a tough fixture list and a demanding tour testing endurance and resilience. Despite this, the squad's character stood out, maintaining high spirits and determination. Growth during this period culminated in morale-boosting wins against Glenwood and Northwood. These results highlighted improved confidence, teamwork and maturity, leaving the team well positioned for future success.

Regular players:

R Palmer (captain), J Wilson, L Bishop, J Greaves, W Johnson, B Brigg, S Ramraj, K Bayliss-Lane, S Wessels, H Storm, D Swanepoel, T Bhatt, A Linde

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 26 runs (Johnson 3/14)
vs Glenwood	won by 52 runs (Johnson 4/19 and 44, Palmer 4/23)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 6 wickets
vs Northdale Hub (100 ball)	won by 3 wickets (Wilson 3/6)
vs St Charles (100 ball)	lost by 17 runs
vs Michaelhouse (100 ball)	lost by 2 runs (Wilson 3/13)
vs Clifton	won by 7 wickets (Bishop 4/21)
vs Northwood	lost by 5 wickets
vs Westville	lost by 4 wickets
vs DHS	lost by 3 wickets
vs Waterkloof	match drawn (Greaves 50*)
vs Affies	lost by 185 runs
vs Paul Roos	lost by 58 runs
vs PBHS	lost by 6 wickets
vs Hilton College	match abandoned
vs St Charles	lost by 7 wickets
vs Glenwood	won by 44 runs (Palmer 61 and 5/27)
vs Northwood	won by 3 wickets (Johnson 5/16)

Messrs J McCabe and J Meiring

U15B

The 2025 season was one of two contrasting halves. In the first term, the team struggled early, highlighted by a loss to Westville, largely due to a lack of application despite having a talented group drawn from a successful 2024 U14B side. Early discipline was poor, but performances improved as the term progressed, with the Glenwood fixture providing a key boost in confidence. Across terms 1, 3 and 4, the boys began to show their true potential with both bat and ball.

Frequent player movement to the A team created ongoing adjustments, yet leadership remained strong under S Watson, followed by M Linde after Watson was promoted, supported by R Fitz and J Badenhorst. Greater consistency in the final term allowed opportunities for C-team players, notably B Church who took a remarkable 6 for 8 after being promoted from the C team. Outstanding contributions came from J Smith, R Wichmann, T Bhatt and N Jakatyana. Overall, the side achieved a win rate above 70%, reflecting a successful and promising season.

Regular players:

M Linde (captain), J Badenhorst, T Bhatt, R Francis, M Pauw, J Smith, B Church, N Jakatyana, D Davies, R Fitz, R Wichmann, N Ntshingila, J Lusso

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 1 wicket (Watson 4/27)
vs Glenwood	won by 252 runs (Badenhorst 68, Ramraj 49, Francis 40*, Wichmann 37*, Smith 4/17, Swanepoel 4/21)
vs Michaelhouse	lost by 8 wicket
vs Northwood	lost by 2 wickets
vs Kearsney	won by 27 runs (Church 6/8)
vs Westville	won by 8 wickets (Bhatt 51, Linde 49*)
vs DHS	won by 7 wickets (Church 4/8)
vs Hilton College	won by 9 wickets (Linde 26 *, Church 3/5, Fitz 3/9)
vs St Charles	won by 25 runs (Francis 37, Fitz 7/27)
vs Imbali HUB	won by 111 runs (Linde 82, Jakatyana 68, Davies 2/6)
vs Northwood	lost by 16 runs (Addison 4/50, Ntshingila 3/27)

Messrs M Morolong and J Maistry

U15C

The U15C cricket team enjoyed a rewarding 2025 season, defined by strong individual contributions, teamwork and a consistent commitment to discipline and sportsmanship. From the outset, the players trained diligently, which translated into solid performances on the field. Highlights included impressive victories over Glenwood and Westville, where the team demonstrated skill, particularly in bowling. J Fourie and C Bowyer stood out as influential all-rounders throughout the season.

Early success with the ball was driven by B Church, N Msimang and M Moloi, whose pace and accuracy regularly put opponents under pressure. Despite this, the team suffered two significant defeats against Howick, although they responded well with a convincing win over Riverwood College. A memorable highlight was the narrow victory over Westville, secured by M Moloi.

Strong fielding and balanced performances underpinned the season, which saw good results overall and several players earning promotion to the B side. The U15C team can look back on their season with pride, having laid a strong platform for future success in their cricketing journeys.

Regular players:

C Bowyer, L Stainbank, J Fourie, R Gowar, N Msimang, M Moloi, N Nshingila, T Saville, L Mpisane, B Church, J Lusso, N Sikhakhane, J Smith, R Raghu

Results:

vs Glenwood	won by 111 runs
vs Howick	lost by 9 wickets
vs Northwood	won by 35 runs (Fourie 4/20, Bowyer 3/12)
vs Westville	won by 5 wickets
vs Howick	lost by 10 wickets
vs Riverwood	won by 8 wickets (Fourie 3/21)
vs Howick	match cancelled due to wet conditions
vs Northwood	lost by 46 runs

M R Barbour

U15D

The U15D cricket side experienced a season of steady improvement, marked by strong team spirit and a developing sense of identity. While results varied, the boys consistently showed resilience, a willingness to learn and an unselfish commitment to the team.

Performances improved notably as the year progressed, particularly in the fourth term, with increased confidence and cohesion. Key highlights included a dominant 8-wicket win over the College U14E side, a commanding 120-run victory against Glenwood, and a well-executed 48-run win over Northwood. The team also demonstrated determination in narrow losses to St Charles and Northwood, competing strongly until the final ball.

A late season away win against Northwood further reflected their growth in skill, awareness and mental toughness. Though not always in the spotlight, the team's enthusiasm, progress and positive attitude were commendable, laying a solid foundation for their continued development.

Regular players:

A Ntombela, A Kunene, A Tonny, A Njokweni, C Reitz, D Smart, E Langa, E Maduna, J Smith, J Havemann, K Coetzer, K Barnard, K Gouws, L Borchers, L Brande, L Stainbank, L Ndlovu, M Nicholson, M Moloi, N Ngcobo, N Ntuli, N Drewett, N Ntshingila, P Hellberg, R Havemann, R Managaran, R Raghu, Z Apostolides

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 7 wickets (Raghu 61)
vs Glenwood	won by 120 runs (Smart 65)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned
vs Imbali Hub	lost by 7 wickets
vs Kearsney U15C	won by 7 wickets (Ngcobo 3/16)
vs Northwood	won by 48 runs
vs College U15C	match cancelled (weather)
vs Westville	won by 3 wickets
vs College U14E	won by 8 wickets
vs St Charles U15C	lost by 13 runs
vs Northwood	won by 5 wickets (Barnard 4/15)
vs Northwood	lost by 29 runs

Mr J Taljaard



L van der Merwe hits aggressively to the leg side in the game against Northwood on Goldstone's.

U15E

The U15E cricket team made an impressive start to the season, opening with a strong performance against Westville. Debutant Njokweni was outstanding, contributing with both bat and ball and setting an early standard. The team adopted a clear philosophy, playing each ball on merit, valuing runs, maintaining discipline in the field, and taking catching opportunities, which shaped their approach throughout.

The squad displayed excellent camaraderie, enthusiasm and depth, consistently playing with heart. Notable individual performances included Coetzer's exceptional 6/10 with the ball and Barnard's aggressive 5/17. Memorable moments such as Borchers' one-handed catch and a dominant 9-wicket victory over Northwood highlighted the team's spirit and ability.

Captain A Tonny led effectively from behind the stumps, offering constant encouragement and tactical awareness. Overall, the season reflected strong commitment, teamwork and sportsmanship, providing a solid foundation for future development.

Regular players:

A Tonny (captain), L Borchers, P Hellberg, A Njokweni, R Rogers, K Coetzer, K Harper, K Gouws, A Ntombela, D Swanepoel, L Ndlovu, I Ntuli, N Ntuli, N Drewett, A Mguni

Results:

vs Westville	won by 3 wickets (Njokweni 3/14 and 39)
vs Westville	lost by 26 runs (Coetzer 6/10)
vs Michaelhouse	match abandoned
vs College U14E	match abandoned
vs Sweetwaters Hub	won by 5 wickets (Njokweni 3/20, Borchers 3/15)
vs Northwood	won by 9 wickets (Barnard 5/17)
vs Northwood	won by 70 runs
vs Northwood	won by 9 wickets

Mr C White



U14A captain, C Emerson, addresses the ball in the lightning-affected and consequently abandoned late-season game against Hilton College.





U14A

Back row: L Ngake, Q St John-Ward, M Puddu
Second row: R Watermeyer, J Kruger, M Carbutt, D Duckham, C Tyler, C Rees
Front row: A Mahmoud, Mr O Kajee, C Emerson (captain), Mr M Bechet, T Seach

The 2025 cricket season began amidst a lot of hope and anticipation as the boys demonstrated spirit during the trial process, making the selection of the U14A cricket team a difficult process. Nevertheless, a team was selected and was ably led by C Emerson.

Term 1 began with a comprehensive defeat to a very talented Westville team on Snow's. After a couple of changes to team selection and general mindset, the team performed admirably registering victories against Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Northwood.

Our boys participated in the CSA 100-ball competition, an opportunity to express themselves and hone their skill set in the shortest format of the game. The team excelled at the start of the tournament, setting up a semi-final encounter against Hilton College. In a close encounter, the team registered a convincing win. The Pietermaritzburg Oval played host to the final, a match-up between Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse. Despite having beaten Michaelhouse comprehensively in a 50 over encounter, and only chasing a moderate target of 80, too many dot balls by the batting group, coupled with five no balls being gifted by the spin quartet, the team narrowly lost. This was a disappointing end to a successful first term where the team had shown much improvement in many areas of their game.

As the winter season ended and summer sport pre-season training commenced, the boys signalled their intentions of ending the year on a high note. After a no-result due to rain and a loss and a win in term 3, preparations began for the U14A Michaelmas Festival, to be hosted at Hilton College.

The four-day festival saw our boys' skills and application tested against quality opposition. An abandoned match against St Alban's with College well on top on Day 1 was followed by losses to Grey College, Wynberg and St Stithians. Although the results were not favourable, three of the games could so easily have produced victories but sometimes losing leads to learning, and one hopes that lessons were learnt at a most enjoyable festival that we thank Hilton College for hosting.

The boys showed true dedication and commitment in ending the year with three consecutive and convincing victories.

Although the cricket season had its ups and downs, the boys gave an excellent account of themselves both on and off the field. Their dedication to the cause and commitment to improvement were evident in every aspect

of their play. This foundation has hopefully set the tone for further success in the future.

Regular players:

C Emerson (captain), T Seach (vice-captain), J Kruger, M Carbutt, D Duckham, B Smith, R Watermeyer, A Mahmoud, Q St John Ward, A Ngake, C Tyler, M Puddu

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 7 wickets (Emerson 54)
vs Glenwood	won by 63 runs (Mahmoud 56*, St John Ward 3/21)
vs Michaelhouse	won by 102 runs (Emerson 41, Seach 3/14, Watermeyer 3/14)

vs Northdale Hub 100 ball	won by 10 wickets (Tyler 3/1)
vs Clifton	match abandoned (Watermeyer 5/6)
vs St Charles 100 ball	won by 9 wickets (Seach 35*, Emerson 35*)
vs Hilton 100 ball semi-final	won by 5 wickets (Mahmoud 31*)
vs Michaelhouse 100 ball final	lost by 4 runs
vs Northwood	won by 7 wickets (Duckham 4/6, Emerson 63*)
vs Kearsney	match abandoned (Emerson 42)
vs Westville 100 ball	lost by 66 runs
vs DHS 100 ball	won by 21 runs (Carbutt 31*, Watermeyer 3/20)
vs Hilton College	match abandoned (St John Ward 5/20)
vs St Charles	won by 6 wickets (Duckham 3/5, Seach 66, Emerson 31, Tyler 30)

vs Glenwood	won by 220 runs (Seach 110 and 3/24)
vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets (St John Ward 4/43, Seach 46)

Hilton College U14 Festival	
vs St Alban's	match abandoned
vs Grey College	lost by 146 runs (Seach 3/34, Mahmoud 3/48)
vs Wynberg	lost by 1 run (Mahmoud 5/20, Seach 3/22, Puddu 41, Carbutt 33*)
vs St Stithians	lost by 2 wickets (St John Ward 3/18)

Messrs M Bechet and O Kajee

U14B

The U14B cricket were a talented group who showed their ability in several strong performances throughout the year. Led confidently by W Badenhorst, the boys developed steadily through to our final fixture in November. While the results were pleasing, our main focus was on growth and getting the small things right, and the boys delivered on that goal.

A defining moment came on Snows against Northwood. Chasing 117 and finding ourselves in deep trouble at 24/5, D Marot and B Jackson produced a superb 90-run partnership to carry us to a hard-fought win. It showed the resilience and mental development the team had developed throughout the year.

Six different boys raised their bats for half-centuries, driving healthy competition at training and encouraging players further down the order to push for higher positions. Marot and Jackson's match-winning stand against Northwood, Layden and Ramsamy's 100 run stand vs St Charles, and Rees and Layden's 131 run partnership vs Hilton College are all examples of the team's growing maturity at the crease.

One of our sharpest days in the field came against Northwood in March, when the boys produced four run-outs, a testament to improved awareness, communication and commitment.

With the ball, Keppler, Badenhorst and Marot each delivered impressive spells that earned them four-wicket hauls. The campaign saved its most outstanding bowling moment for the final fixture, where Jackson spun his way to a memorable five-for to finish the year in style.

This group demonstrated commitment, growth and genuine team spirit. It was a privilege to watch their progress, both as cricketers and as young men, throughout a rewarding season.

Regular players:

W Badenhorst (captain), K Ramsamy, C Rees, M Layden, B Smith, J van der Westhuizen, J Venter, E Jordaan, D Marot, B Jackson, J Keppler, A Mukono, W Rossouw

Results:

vs Westville	lost by 40 runs (Ngake 32, Tyler 3/12)
vs Glenwood	won by 357 runs (Jordaan 91, Tyler, 81, Marot 80, Jackson 3/11)

vs Michaelhouse	won by 54 runs (Venter 33*, Badenhorst 2/15, Keppler 2/12)
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vs Clifton	won by 164 runs (Jordaan 79, Smith 53, Keppler 4/7)
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vs Kearsney	match cancelled
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vs Northwood	won by 32 runs (van der Westhuizen 25, Jackson 3/8)
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vs Kearsney	match drawn (Smith 25, Marot 2/22)
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vs Westville (100 Ball)	lost by 7 runs (Smith 34, Rees 2/27)
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vs DHS (100 Ball)	won by 9 wickets (Smith 67*, Marot 4/15)
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vs Hilton College	won by 1 run (Layden 62, Rees 57, Keppler 2/29, Rees 2/31)
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vs St Charles	won by 8 wickets (Layden 73*, Ramsamy 51, Marot 2/22, Mukono 2/28)
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vs Howick U14 A	won by 4 wickets (Watermeyer 25, Badenhorst 4/20)
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vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets (Jackson 41*, Marot 30, Jackson 5/35, Keppler 2/16)
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Messrs P Gonlag and S Stopford

U14C

The U14C cricket team had a very productive 2025 season. The boys were always fully committed on the field, at games as well as at practices. Their dedication was key to their successful season. Led by their captain and vice captains, T Reynolds, L Coetzee and L Mduba, the boys won eight of their ten games played. They showed grit and determination even when the odds were against them. This was evident in their second encounter with Northwood where the boys fought to a 4-wicket victory, after their 21-run loss to Northwood 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 in leaps and bounds, not just in an individual capacity but as a team. This bodes well for the future. 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. I wish them the very best in their future cricketing endeavours.

Regular players:

L Coetzee, T Reynolds, L Mduba, B Lusso, A Kyle, T Padayachee, A Ramraj, S Mthiyane, J Spilsbury, J Venter, B Zitumane, T van Staden

Results:

vs Westville	won by 7 wickets (Lusso 3/10, Kyle 40)
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vs Howick A	lost 24 runs (Coetzee 5/17)
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vs Northwood	lost by 21 runs (van Staden 3/6)
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vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets
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vs Michaelhouse	won by 126 runs (Lusso 54, Mukono 3/1)
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vs St Charles	won by 4 wickets
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vs Glenwood	won by 10 wickets
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vs Clifton	won by 8 wickets
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vs Kearsney	won by 7 wickets (Mukono 3/14)
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vs Sweetwaters Hub	won by 5 wickets
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Mr R Pillay

U14D

The U14D team had an enjoyable year of cricket and although there was a mixed bag of results, the boys played with College fire and grit in all games. They grew as individuals and as a team throughout the year and they put in some memorable team performances.

Regular players:

B Abraham, J Grobbelaar, A Ramraj, Z Luswazi, T Cooper, J Spilsbury, L Gibson, A Reitz, B Clark, T Foster, L Grantham, G Eaglestone, T Jackson, B Wiggill

Results:

vs Westville	won by 52 runs
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vs Howick U14A	lost by 5 wickets
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vs Michaelhouse	match rained out
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vs Northwood	won by 4 wickets (Ramraj 51*)
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vs Kearsney	won by 10 wickets
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vs Westville	match drawn (Reitz 43*)
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vs Hilton College	lost by 38 runs (Reitz 41)
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vs Imbali Hub	lost by 7 wickets
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vs Northwood	won by 15 runs
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vs Northwood	lost by 6 wickets
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Mr S Botha

U14E

The U14E cricket side showed tremendous growth and character throughout the season. Although we began the campaign slowly, the boys displayed resilience, commitment and steady improvement with each passing week. The challenging opening phase quickly transformed into a story of determination and rising confidence.

By the final stretch of the season, the team was playing its best cricket. The last three matches were particularly impressive, with the boys dominating strong opponents and recording memorable victories against respected schools. These performances reflected not only improvement in skills, but also maturity in decision-making, teamwork and discipline.

Several players delivered consistent performances throughout the season. Xaba, Ndlovu and Barnard stood out for their reliability, work ethic and ability to contribute at crucial moments. Their steady presence anchored the team and set a strong example.

One of the most defining features of this team was its positive spirit. The boys brought energy, humour and enthusiasm to every training session and match. The fun team vibe made match days enjoyable, and the camaraderie played a big role in the late-season surge. Every player contributed to this uplifting environment, making the season both successful and memorable.

Overall, the U14E team should be proud of the progress they made. They finished the season as a confident and united group who learned, improved and most importantly, enjoyed the game of cricket.

Regular players:

L Bernard, D Chetty, G Eaglestone, L Hlongwane, C Kewley, Z Mthembu, N Ndlovu, S Ndlovu, O Ngubane, B Wiggill, M Xaba, C van Zuydam

Results:

vs Westville lost by 1 wicket (Chetty 4/12)
vs Westville lost by 9 wickets

vs Kearsney won by 100 runs (Bernard 61, Hlongwane 3/15)
vs Northwood lost by 74 runs
vs St Charles won by 7 wickets
vs Northwood won by 10 wickets
vs Northwood won by 9 wickets (van Zuydam 42, Mthembu 41)

Mr F Malinga

U14F

The U14F team approached the 2025 season with enthusiasm and a genuine love for the game. Their focus was never on results, but rather on learning, improving and enjoying every moment on the field. This positive attitude created a fun and supportive team environment, allowing the players to grow in confidence and develop their skills throughout the season.

Regular players:

A Chowles, S Goliath, K Harty, A Hodge, J Howells, P Kallicharan, K Mpundu, A Mzolo, S Shelembe, C van Zuydam, B Voigts

Results:

vs Westville won by 4 wickets (Ndlovu 3/18)
vs Westville lost by 6 wickets
vs Northwood lost by 57 runs
vs Howick 14B won by 8 wickets (Voigts 64*)
vs Northwood won by 46 runs (Reddy 44*)

Mr R Abrahams



The College 1st XI thank the boarders who had turned out to support them after their game on Goldstone's.



The Cricket Dinner was held upstairs on the covered deck of the Kent Pavilion.



(L-R): Mr R Coutts, S Hughes, Mr D Nadasan, cricket captain D Nadasan, Mrs D Nadasan, and Mr K Nipper. D Nadasan presents a gift to Mr A Redfern.





Cross-Country

Back row: K Leonard, G Wilson, K Searle, J Gotte
Third row: N Msimang, C Coetzer, J Wilson, B Fourie, D Davies
Second row: L Shangase, A Kunene, N Curry, E Hamadziripi, S Ismail, K Phungula
Front row: N Mntungwa, C Gould, Mr L Kruger, E McAllister (captain), Mr L Tshabalala, J Odell, L Makhoba
Absent: L Coetzee, C Markham

The 2025 cross-country season had some sound results by key runners. The highlight 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, College hosted a successful league 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 in Pretoria was different as it was a league race taking place in Hamanskraal, and our boys did not get official results but rather ran for the experience.

Our final highlight was L Makhoba who placed 13th at the KZN cross-country championships.

We look forward to next year's season as we continue building our cross-country fraternity.

Mr L Kruger



Cycling

Back row: H Dlamuka, E Hunter-Smith, E van der Merwe, T Naidoo, M Hull, D Rencken
Second row: V Ramdeen, L Kubheka, D Chunilall, P Khumalo, L Stainbank, C Lambert
Front row: B Fourie, C Wood, K Searle (captain), Mr D Low (coach), G Jordan, R Champkins, A Naidoo
Absent: D Janneker

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 adventure-filled year. 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 Grawl in Curry's Post, followed by the prestigious Karkloof Classic SA Marathon Championships. The team also participated in the Thaba Trails, with impressive performances from K Searle and C Baxter.

During the term 2 holiday, many College cyclists joined the Amashova Classic to honour the memory of D Janneker, a cherished College cyclist and friend who had passed away in June. Beginner and intermediate riders completed the 65km course, while C Wood impressively finished the 106km route.

The season's momentum continued with the Eston Illovo MTB, held midway through the third term. 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. Searle has done exceptionally well and achieved podium

finishes 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: Searle (2nd), Fourie (5th) and Wood (9th); in the youth category: D Rencken (9th), and in the sub-junior category: Champkins (18th).

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.

A heartfelt thank you to our generous sponsors and, most importantly, the dedicated parents who support our cyclists every step of the way.

Regular cyclists:

K Searle (captain), B Fourie, C Wood, G Jordan, E van der Merwe, T Naidoo, M Hull, D Rencken, R Champkins, A Naidoo, L Kubheka, D Chunilall, P Khumalo, H Dlamuka, E Hunter-Smith, V Ramdeen, L Stainbank, C Lambert.

Mrs K Bartholomew



Esports

Back row: Q Mbanjwa, R Hadden, N Ndaba, T Naidoo, N Khoza
Second row: M Mabaso, A Ndadane, M Khanyisile, N Mthembu, S Chili, S Mkhize
Front row: M Shelembe, L Wassink, Mr T Tshabalala, P Gumede, H Zondi

Although the year did not include formal fixtures or tournaments, the Esports programme remained active and continued to develop steadily. Participation increased over the course of the year, with growing interest from boys across different grades who were keen to be involved in a shared gaming environment.

The main event of the year was the Esports Games Night, which attracted more than 100 students. The evening created a lively and competitive atmosphere and clearly demonstrated the role Esports can play in building school spirit and connection. Competitions were held across different platforms, with the Call of Duty Mobile winner receiving a prize of R250 and the FIFA Console champion earning the top prize of R1 000. The strong turnout and positive energy on the night reflected the enthusiasm surrounding Esports.

Beyond Games Night, informal Esports sessions took place throughout the year. These sessions provided a consistent space for students to play, improve their skills and interact with one another in a structured but relaxed

setting. For many of the boys, these sessions became an important social outlet, encouraging teamwork, communication and mutual support.

Despite the absence of official competition, the commitment and attitude of the boys have been encouraging. The year has allowed for solid groundwork to be laid, with increasing participation and growing interest in the programme. In 2026, a number of ideas and developments will be explored, with the aim of expanding Esports in new and meaningful ways as opportunities arise. While these plans remain in development, there is a strong sense of direction and optimism for the future of Esports at the school.

Regular players:
L Wassink (captain), Q Mbanjwa, R Hadden, N Ndaba, T Naidoo, N Khoza, M Mabaso, A Ndadane, M Khanyisile, N Mthembu, S Chili, S Mkhize, M Shelembe, P Gumede

Mr T Tshabalala



Golf

Back row: D Naidoo, S Hosking, S Watson
Front row: A Sewpersad, R Schirge, Mr D Trodd, F Pillay (captain), M Kauffman

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 had 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 ten boys across all age groups to compete in four KZN Foundation tournaments. Several boys 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 8s and 9s taking part in the third term. While managing the numbers was no easy task, their enthusiasm bodes well for the years ahead. 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.

While 2025 brought its challenges, it also planted seeds of hope. With hard work, commitment and a renewed focus on development, Maritzburg College golf is well placed to grow stronger and return to the top levels of competition in 2026.

Maritzburg College individual prize winners:

C Nelson – Strokeplay Champion;
F Pillay – Matchplay Champion;
L Govender – Most Improved Player.

Regular players – 1st team:
F Pillay (captain), C Nelson, J Nelson, D Naidoo, M Kauffman, S Watson, A Sewpersad, R Schirge, G Hosking, L Govender

Results:

vs Hilton College	won (H)	lost (A)
vs St Charles	halved (H)	won (A)
vs Michaelhouse	lost (A)	lost (H)
vs PBHS	halved (H)	lost (A)
vs Affies		lost (A)

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1st XI

Back row: V Ndlovu, K Botha, E Fabre
Third row: G Askew, H Hackland, C Francis, R Schirge
Second row: L Fitz, S Sithembu, R van der Vliet, C Le Court De Billot, A Lembethe, M Smith
Front row: K Jenkins, U Dlamini (captain), Mr M Sanders, D Jackson, A Mthlane

Review by the Director of Hockey

Three years into my tenure as Director of Hockey at Maritzburg College has afforded me perspective and an understanding of what makes hockey at College tick. College is a school with the highest of standards, whether it be the 1st team or the U14E team. We all want to win, we all want to perform well, and we all want to have the most fun doing what we love. The expectations of staff, parents and Old Boys were met, as were those of the boys.

This season I witnessed growth across all teams in every age group. The hockey programme has improved results by 10% since 2023. With growth like this we will certainly be reaffirming our position as the number one school in the Pietermaritzburg area and the province. I am excited about the potential of all the players within Maritzburg College hockey.

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

Maritzburg College was very well represented during the mid-year holidays at 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. This turned out to be another well-run event by the school and special thanks go to all staff involved in making this event a huge success.

Overall, 49 College boys were selected to play for Inland, which represents one third of all boys selected for Inland Hockey. Unfortunately, two boys could not take up their positions. Six staff members were involved in coaching, managerial or analyst roles during the IPT. Another remarkable statistic for Maritzburg College.

Congratulations to the following players who were selected for provincial and national teams:

KZN 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). In the regional tournament, the team finished third overall securing a bronze medal. Z Fakude was the fifth highest goal scorer.

KZN Inland U14B: L Mduba, J Spilsbury, M Layden, B Abraham, R Watermeyer, O Phongo
The team finished 1st in the regional tournament, securing a gold medal.

KZN Inland U14C: M Puddu, L Coetzee. The team finished 1st in Regional B Tournament securing a gold medal.

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

KZN Inland U16B: N Jakatyana, L Shelembe, N Lessing

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

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

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

KZN 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).
The team finished 4th overall.

SA U16A: S Mchunu
SA U17A: A Lembethe, V Ndlovu, S Sithembu
SA U18B: D Jackson

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to the dedicated staff and coaches who offered their time and expertise to help develop and grow the boys of Maritzburg College hockey. I sincerely thank you for the early mornings, late nights, multiple bus trips and time away from your family for our boys. I look forward to the 2026 season when we will hopefully dominate again in true Red Black and White fashion.

Mr M Sanders



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The College captain, U Dlamini, leads his hockey 1st XI onto Pape's Astro before the start of the Friday night game against Glenwood High School.

1st XI

The 1st team hockey report is always an interesting report to read as results are highlighted and the measure of a successful season is in plain view. By every measure, we had a successful season.

The opportunity to challenge a hugely talented group of players through playing a controlled yet attacking style of play was met with equal excitement and hunger. The boys set ambitious standards and high expectations, not only in the way they wanted to play but also in the results they wanted to achieve. They surpassed my expectations due to the maturity they displayed. Results are never the only measure. The way they approached each game, each session and each obstacle was impressive. Every season has its challenges and obstacles which is when we find the true measure of growth.

This year the 1st team played at Nomads Festival, KES Easter Festival and, for the first time, the Hibbert Shield Tournament. These three events contributed to nearly half of the season's games over a relatively short space of time. At the Nomads and the KES Festivals the boys played some of their best hockey, recording only one loss in twelve games. A remarkable achievement by any standard. We then travelled to Gqeberha to play the Hibbert Shield Tournament against some of the elite schools in South Africa. Here we were tested in every respect. The environment and distinctive styles, as well as playing tournament hockey, proved to be an exciting and fulfilling exercise.

The squad aimed to be the number one team in the Pietermaritzburg area, and through beating Hilton College and St Charles while drawing with Michaelhouse, we were placed in the top two teams in KwaZulu-Natal. The challenge for the boys staying in 2026 is to raise the bar even higher.

Eight boys from this squad will be leaving as they finish matric. I wish them everything of the best as they embark on their future studies and, most importantly, their transition into senior hockey. The boys remaining show just how bright and exciting the future of hockey is at College, particularly for the 1st team.

My thanks to Messrs G Ford, A Mthalande and M Diaz for all their hard work through pre-season and the season. Their input and guidance to the boys and myself have been immeasurable. Finally, thank you to all the parents who have made this season one to remember. Their support and positivity throughout have enabled the entire squad to play with freedom.

Player Critique:

V Ndlovu (*goalkeeper, KZN Inland U18A, SA U17A, Honours*): He is an exceptionally talented goalkeeper who has reaped rewards through hard work, dedication and commitment to his craft.

E Fabre (*defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf*): A wonderful distributor of the ball over distance. He is also a solid defender with a wonderful ability to read the game.

R Schirge (*defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf*): A hard-working defender with the engine of a midfielder which allows him to attack more and work back in defence.

A Mthalande (*defender, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf*): He quietly goes about his business in left defence, with a remarkable skill set when in trouble.

U Dlamini (*captain, midfield, Honours*): A skilful player with a deceptive change of pace and an ability to score goals at critical times.

D Jackson (*vice-captain, defender, Inland U18A captain, SA U18B, Honours*): He has a presence and wide range of skills that contribute to his ability to stay on task defensively and set the tone through his hard physical presence.

G Askew (*midfield, KZN Inland U18B, Colours and Scarf*): A relentless ability to stay on task defensively and set the tone through his hard physical presence.

S Sithembu (*midfield, KZN Inland U18A, SA U17A, Honours*): He is a highly skilled and threatening player who inspires fear in all opposition.

M Smith (*forward, KZN Inland U18C, Colours*): A talented and skilful player on attack. His ability to find space and connect with teammates is remarkable.

K Jenkins (*forward/midfield, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): A versatile attacking player who can play through various lines. He has excellent skills and can create opportunities out of nothing.

A Lembethe (*midfield, KZN Inland U18A, SA U17A, Honours*): He is a disciplined player with extremely high standards. A solid defender, he turns over ball and converts to attack quickly.

R van der Vliet (*forward, Large White Badge*): He grew in confidence as the season progressed and scored goals at critical times.

H Hackland (*forward, KZN Inland U18C, Colours*): He has a desire to perform and a unique talent in pressing opposition, creating turnovers high up in the field.

C Le Court De Billot (*forward, KZN Inland U18C, Colours*): A talented attacking player. He has multiple skill sets and needs to believe in his ability.

C Francis (*defender, Large White Badge*): He is a versatile defender who is dedicated and committed to improving all the time. Unfortunately, his season was cut short due to injury.

L Fitz (*forward, KZN Inland U18A, Honours*): A talented attacking player who grew with every game. Once he believed in his ability it transformed his hockey, and he found himself on the scoresheet many times.



A well-executed tomahawk from K Jenkins threatened the Pretoria Boys High School goal in the exchange between the two schools on Pape's.

Match Reports

vs DHS (away) drew 2-2

The highly anticipated winter-season opener had to be rescheduled to a midweek fixture after torrential rains in Durban completely flooded the fields during the preceding weekend.

vs Northwood (Pape's Astro turf) lost 3-4

The Maritzburg College 1st XI took on Northwood on Pape's Astro turf in what was both sides' second fixture in three days, with the physical demands of their midweek encounter against DHS clearly evident in the early stages.

College opened the scoring through a well-executed transition, moving the ball efficiently down the right before Sithembu found van der Vliet, who finished neatly to give College the lead. Early in the second quarter, captain Dlamini earned a penalty corner, and although Jackson did not strike the ball cleanly, it trickled over the line to extend the lead.

However, lapses in decision-making and defensive intensity allowed Northwood to respond strongly. Their persistence paid off as they drew level by half-time, showing admirable intent and energy. The momentum remained with Northwood in the second half, and they took the lead through a penalty stroke late in the third quarter before adding a fourth goal shortly thereafter.

Despite a late push and a third goal from College, time ran out before they could equalise. The side will reflect on missed opportunities and a lack of sustained pressure while in control, though there were still encouraging passages of play from an otherwise capable College outfit.

vs Glenwood (Pape's Astro turf) won 1-0

Maritzburg College faced a markedly improved Glenwood side, who displayed determination, structure and a refusal to yield. The opening exchanges were evenly balanced, with both teams probing cautiously. College, however, gained the early ascendancy, creating several opportunities and earning multiple penalty corners. Despite this pressure, Glenwood's defence held firm. While College enjoyed the bulk of possession, they struggled to penetrate the effective Glenwood press, and the first half concluded goalless.

At half-time, a subtle structural adjustment by College proved decisive. The change enabled them to bypass the Glenwood press more effectively and generate a greater number of circle entries. This paid dividends when a well-constructed move down the right channel found Sithembu just outside the circle. Carrying the ball forward, he unleashed a tomahawk strike to beat the goalkeeper at the near post and give College the lead.

Although this breakthrough sparked renewed attacking intent, College were unable to extend their advantage. Glenwood were awarded a penalty corner in the final minute, creating a tense conclusion. However, Ndlovu, the College goalkeeper, produced an outstanding save to secure a hard-fought victory.

Credit is given to Glenwood for their performance, while College will take satisfaction from adhering to their structure, alongside recognising the need to be more clinical in front of goal.

vs Pretoria Boys High (away) won 2-1

The 1st team played a spirited and well-drilled Pretoria Boys team in front of a strong PBHS crowd. PBHS is always a difficult place to play as they are fiercely competitive at home. They do not give much and will always look to take the edge.

College started the game extremely well, continuing their strong form at the KES Easter Festival. College controlled most of the possession and territory, creating multiple opportunities which were unfortunately not converted. College had multiple penalty corners but the Boys High goalkeeper was up for the challenge. The 'keeper had an outstanding game and was truly the difference between the two teams.

College earned a penalty stroke from a deliberate infringement in the circle from a penalty corner. Dlamini, the College captain, stepped up and converted for his team. College then scored a counterattack goal with a deft finish from Smith. This lead created an exciting finish to what had been a good game.

College then found itself with two green cards and a yellow card for robust challenges thus putting immense pressure on the entire team to stay composed in the final minutes. PBHS scored a goal against the run of play. College held on for a well-deserved win away from home.

vs St Charles (away) won 5-0

As it was St Charles' 150th anniversary and their Old Boys' Reunion weekend, the St Charles boys were fired up and motivated to put on an excellent display for their guests. As we knew they would come out of the blocks with a fierce mentality, we needed to manage and slow down the first few minutes. College took on some pressure while the adrenalin of Reunion would wear off the St Charles team. With a series of high balls, we pushed St Charles back into their half, keeping them at bay. Ndlovu, the College goalkeeper, made a few sharp saves in the first quarter to keep the scores level. L Sishi scored a counter-attack goal to put College up after the first break.

College maintained a high percentage of possession and territory, finding it easy to create several opportunities. College then scored a penalty corner through a well-directed flick from Jackson. The wind was slowly being knocked out of the St Charles sails as College scored a further two goals through fast-paced counter-attack as well as a controlled and measured build up pattern of play.

vs Westville (Pape's Astro turf) won 2-0

The Maritzburg College 1st XI welcomed rivals Westville to Pape's in an unusual time slot of 3pm due to road closures on the N3 highway. Regardless of the external factors College set out to put up a strong fight on their home turf.

Westville played the brand and style which has worked for them this season. They sat deep in a half court press waiting for the surge of College attacks, while when they had the ball, they used the aerial ball and threw it deep into the College half. College ultimately played most of the hockey.

College started off well and scored their first goal in the first quarter through Fitz. A well-worked team goal and a simple finish. College proved to be the dominant team and created many opportunities and circle entries with little reward. The Westville defence and goalkeeper stood firm.

College created multiple penalty corners, but the Westville penalty corner defence ran good lines, closing down the threat of the flickers and variations. College managed to score a counter-attack goal through some good skill and speed from Sithembu, setting up another simple finish for Fitz to score his second goal of the match. College were the well-deserved victors.

vs Kearsney (Pape's Astro turf) won 4-1

Maritzburg College welcomed Kearsney College to Pape's on Reunion Day, with a large and expectant crowd of Old Collegians creating a lively atmosphere and adding pressure on the home side to perform. College started confidently, settling quickly into their structures, maintaining possession and building attacking phases that led to several circle entries. Although they initially failed to capitalise on a penalty corner, their persistence paid off when van der Vliet opened the scoring with a close-range tap-in.

Kearsney gradually found their rhythm, effectively using overhead balls to gain territory, but College remained composed, regaining momentum and earning another penalty corner. Jackson converted with a precise flick low to the goalkeeper's right to double the lead.

After half-time, Kearsney returned with greater urgency, putting College under pressure and earning multiple penalty corners, one of which they converted through a well-executed variation. Despite this, College responded clinically, turning over possession deep in their own half and

launching a swift counter-attack that ended with van der Vliet scoring his second.

College then controlled the game, maintaining possession and composure, and sealed the result with a fourth goal from a Schirge deflection, capping an impressive all-round performance.

vs Michaelhouse (away) drew 2-2

Maritzburg College travelled to Michaelhouse for their Reunion weekend, undeterred by the prospect of a large and vocal home support. College began confidently, appearing well prepared to challenge a strong Michaelhouse side.

The opening quarter was a tightly contested battle, with both teams intent on asserting dominance and applying sustained pressure. Michaelhouse broke the deadlock from a penalty corner, converting a well-executed and previously unseen variation. College responded with urgency, adopting an enterprising attacking approach and generating several scoring opportunities. Their persistence was rewarded when effective midfield pressing led to a turnover, three swift passes released Jenkins, who positioned himself on the right of the circle and struck low to the left to equalise.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with College largely controlling possession. However, a brief lapse in concentration resulted in a costly turnover, allowing a Michaelhouse forward into the circle to score. College remained resolute, continuing to create numerous circle entries and attacking phases.

Their efforts were once again rewarded from a penalty corner. Although the initial push and trap faltered, Sithembu capitalised in open play, slapping the ball past the goalkeeper to level the scores. The match was an excellent exhibition of schoolboy hockey.

vs Hilton College (away) won 3-2

Maritzburg College faced Hilton College on their Reunion Day, with the anticipation of a partisan crowd setting the stage for a challenging encounter. Hilton, ranked among the top four school sides in South Africa, represented one of College's most formidable opponents of the season.

The first quarter fully met expectations. College began assertively, forcing turnovers that led to early opportunities. From a penalty corner, Jackson opened the scoring with a drag flick placed low to the goalkeeper's right. Shortly afterwards, another effective press resulted in possession for Dlamini on the left of the circle, who struck a tomahawk to beat the keeper and extend the lead. Hilton responded with intent, creating chances of their own. A moment of indiscipline in the College defence allowed a tight-angled shot to beat Ndlovu, and a subsequent penalty stroke brought Hilton level. Before the break, College regained the advantage through another penalty corner, Jackson converting with a slightly higher flick.

The remainder of the match was closely contested, with both sides creating and missing opportunities. Ndlovu proved outstanding in goal, making crucial saves to deny Hilton. In the final moments, he successfully defended a penalty corner, securing a narrow and hard-fought victory for College.

vs Clifton College (Pape's Astroturf) won 2-1

Maritzburg College welcomed Clifton College for the last game of the second term. College started off the slower of the two teams. Clifton looked as if they were ready to take the game to College, pressing with purpose. While College were able to keep possession and create a few opportunities, Clifton closed down the potential threats by turning over the ball and creating a counterattack entering the College circle. The Clifton striker managed to get off a shot at goal to take the lead at the end of the first half.

College went into the second half chasing an equaliser. Clifton's defence was resolute and well-structured making it hard to break down. College created several opportunities but failed to score. The fourth and final quarter would require College to change tack and find a way to score. The equaliser came from Dlamini through open play. The final five minutes were an exciting period of play as College were hunting the win. With a final push forward, the ball was played into Clifton's circle where Schirge got his stick down for a deflection goal in the bottom left-hand corner.

vs Affies (away) lost 2-3

After the winter break, we made the long journey to Affies in Pretoria. As always, the hospitality shown by our opponents was exceptional.

With multiple factors against us we knew we would have to pitch up and perform. Affies were physical and chased down every ball. College started well, controlling the game and creating multiple opportunities, including four penalty corners and a penalty stroke, none of which were converted.

College controlled many parts of the game but failed to manage the aerial ball played by Affies through weak marking. Affies took the few opportunities that went their way. Their first goal came through a penalty corner, tapped in by the injector, the second from poor marking in open play. The lack of clinical effort by the College boys was proving to be a problem.

Going into the fourth quarter, College found themselves down with everything to play for. The third Affies goal came from the second penalty stroke of the game. College showed renewed resolve, scoring two goals in two minutes and were hungry for more. College created multiple opportunities but narrowly missed out. The overall result reflects not taking the opportunities created and allowing officials' decision to impact their emotions.

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Pape's Astroturf) drew 1-1

Maritzburg College welcomed Pretoria Boys High in the return exchange fixture, having won the previous fixture in Pretoria. PBHS would be looking for revenge. This game would be the last home fixture of the season coupled with it being the last home fixture for our matric boys. Congratulations to Jenkins, Fabre, Schirge and Smith on their milestone of playing fifty caps for the Red Army.

The game seemed to be played with no excitement nor a shot at goal. The first shot came from College in the third quarter. PBHS were awarded a penalty corner against the run of play right at the end of the third quarter, resulting in a goal.

This goal sparked the College boys to life, and they were relentless in their pursuit of an equaliser. Multiple opportunities and multiple saves came from the SA Schools/PBHS goalkeeper. College were awarded a penalty stroke with three minutes to play. Captain Dlamini stepped up and scored the equaliser.

The next three minutes were action packed. College were awarded three consecutive penalty corners right at the end of the game. Unfortunately, College could not convert, and the game ended in a draw.

vs Glenwood (away) won 7-0

The 1st XI team travelled to Glenwood for the final fixture of the season as well as the return match between the two schools. Glenwood would be looking to exact some revenge, as College had won the earlier fixture. Adding to the intensity of the game, this was the final game for all the matric boys in both teams.

The Maritzburg team started slowly with multiple turn overs. Glenwood pressed hard and high up the field and played with intensity. College made a structural change and managed to play out the back with a lot more freedom and ease. A number of fast-paced attacks and some penalty corners resulted in College ending the first quarter ahead.

The rest of the game was played in the same manner with College scoring goals at critical times. This seemed to take the wind out of Glenwood's sails. The ferocity and relentless nature of the College team's attacks and counterattacks were outstanding. Dlamini finished the game with a hat-trick (two drag flicks in penalty corners and one penalty stroke), a wonderful way for the College captain to finish his Red Army hockey career.

Nomads U18 Festival:

vs St Benedict's 3-0, KES 1-1, Wynberg 2-1, Jeppe 0-1, St John's 1-0

KES Easter Festival:

vs Helpmekaar 4-1, Queen's College 2-0, Selborne College 3-0, Parktown Boy's High 6-0, Hoërskool Eldoraigne 2-0

Hibbert Shield Tournament:

The College 1st XI hockey team made its first appearance at the annual Hibbert Shield Tournament held at Grey High School in Gqeberha in the Eastern Cape. College finished the tournament in fifteenth place.

vs Clifton 1-1, Paul Roos 2-6, Selborne College 2-0, Westville 1-2, Bishop's 1-1 (lost in shoot-out), Selborne College 2-1

Mr M Sanders



Having driven home a goal, S Sithembu leaps with delight.

2nd XI

The 2nd XI produced an entertaining brand of hockey this season and can be proud of their overall performances. The campaign ended on a disappointing note with two consecutive losses, but there were many highlights along the way. Arguably their best performance came on Reunion Day against Kearsney, when the team delivered a well-structured, dominant display from start to finish, securing a 4-0 victory.

At their best, the side excelled when they used space effectively and allowed the ball to do the work. However, at times players were guilty of carrying the ball into contact rather than moving it on quickly, which limited their attacking momentum.

The season's top goal scorer was G Motswadire, who netted an impressive 14 goals. Three players, L Sishi, S Zondi, and K Mgwengwe were selected for a KZN Inland team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament.

Perhaps most excitingly, nine members of this year's squad will be returning in 2026, a fact that bodes well for the continued strength of Maritzburg College hockey.

Regular players:

K Botha (captain), M Borchers (vice-captain), J Currie, C Coetzer, S Deane, T Kufal, G Motswadire, D Leclezio, L Sishi, K Mgwengwe, R Willson, N Westerdale, C van Heerden, B Thornton-Dibb, K Dube, M Smart, S Zondi

Results:

vs DHS 0-0, Northwood 2-0, Glenwood 13-1, Ermelo 3-0, Grey College 3-1, Bishop's 2-0, Hillcrest Curro 3-0, Ligbron 1-0, Potchefstroom Volkskool 3-0, PBHS 0-0, Howick 6-0, St Charles 6-0, Michaelhouse 2-2, Kearsney 4-0, Michaelhouse 0-2, Hilton College 2-0, Clifton 4-0, Affies 1-0, PBHS 0-2, Glenwood 1-2

Mr R Coutts



Fifty caps each: (L-R) R Schirge, K Jenkins, E Fabre and M Smith are congratulated by Headmaster Messrs A Redfern (left) and coach, M Sanders.

3rd XI

The 3rd team experienced an extremely successful and rewarding season in which quality hockey was played. Capably led by captain M Lancaster, who was supported by vice-captain S Mazibuko, the team approached practices and matches with intensity and determination to give of their best at all times. The focus all season was to play structured team hockey, rather than relying on individual skills, which was certainly achieved as seen by the fact that 12 different players featured on the score sheet.

The highlight of the season must be the games played against Michaelhouse, in which numerous other coaches and staff members complimented the team on the style and manner in which they played. Special mention must be made of C Wood who scored 12 goals, displaying his ruthlessness in the circle. I would like to thank the players who made me look forward to every practice and game. The camaraderie and banter, as well as their willingness to train hard and find the joy in playing the game ensured that this season would be fondly remembered in the years to come.

Regular players:

M Lancaster (captain), Y Aheer, S Bernstein, J Blose, C Coetzer, A Dlamini, L Dlamini, A Hadebe, J Haug-Lyons, S Kau, M Maphanga, S Mazibuko, N Moyo, D Nadasan, S Shabalala, R Sheikh, S Wiggill, C Wood

Results:

vs DHS 9-0, Northwood 1-1, Glenwood 7-0, PBHS 1-1, St Charles 0-0, Michaelhouse 6-1, Kearsney 2-1, Michaelhouse 4-1, Hilton College 4-0, Affies 1-1, PBHS 1-3, Glenwood 1-0

Mr M Warr



Goalkeeper, V Ndlovu, marches to the goals to boss the defence.

4th XI

The 4th hockey team, captained by the ever-reliable J Gray, had a highly successful and enjoyable season, both on and off the field. The team trained together with the 5th team. From the outset, the group showed strong cohesion, a willingness to learn, and an excellent team spirit that fostered a strong enthusiasm for practices and game days.

A highlight of the season was the team's total dominance over Pretoria Boys High School, both home and away, an impressive feat considering how traditionally difficult those fixtures are. The team played with structure, speed and confidence, controlling possession and converting chances with clinical efficiency.

While the side suffered two tough losses against strong Hilton College and Affies teams, those matches provided valuable lessons and helped build resilience. The players responded positively, growing both in confidence and cohesion as the season progressed. The perfect ending came with a thrilling victory over Glenwood. Despite Glenwood reinforcing their side with players from higher teams, the 4ths stepped up with a composed yet spirited performance to seal a well-deserved win. With Gray's calm leadership and supported by a united squad, the team enjoyed not only success on the scoreboard but also an atmosphere of fun, respect, and hard work.

T Caluza was a key player throughout the season, finishing as the top goal scorer. His ability to find space, create opportunities and consistently finish under pressure made him a crucial asset to the team's attacking strength. It was a season to be proud of in every way.

Regular players:

J Gray (captain), C McDonald (vice-captain), K Ekstrand, B Bryant, M Kauffman, M Martin, S Khoza, L During, N Naidoo, L Mukorera, A Dladla, L Myeza, L Gumede, L Nzama, T Caluza, N Ngcobo, S Nhlapo, B Andrews

Results:

vs DHS 13-0, Northwood 2-1, Glenwood 4-0, 2-1, PBHS 2-0, 2-1, St Charles 3-0, Westville 4-1, Kearsney 2-0, Michaelhouse 4-2, Hilton College 1-3, Affies 0-1

Mr M Ngcobo

5th XI

The 5th XI had a very productive and enjoyable season in which they achieved an excellent set of results. Despite the many challenges the players had, being in their final year of school, the records state: played 11, won seven, drew two and lost only two matches. I was extremely impressed by their College fighting spirit and never give up attitude. We also had the benefit of having Mrs van Heerden's experience as part of the coaching team. I would like to highlight M Askham as our top goal scorer of the season with eight goals, helping with our successful season. Each of these players ultimately brought something special to this team.

Regular players:

L Mseleku (captain), S Mkhulisa (goalkeeper), O Ntombela, R Ayisa, K Ngcobo, A Hukum, S Mazibuko, J Grunewald, M Askham, M Kauffman, W Naidoo, W Naidoo, K Govender, N Dlamini, A Andrews, S Nhlapo

Results:

vs Northwood 6th 5-0, Northwood 1-2, PBHS 3-3, PBHS 6th 5-1, St Charles 4-1, Howick 2nd 2-0, Kearsney 4-3, Michaelhouse 3-1, Hilton College 1-1, Affies 2-3, PBHS 1-0

Mr L Kruger



U16A

Back row: N Jakatyana, D Smal, N Lessing, K Hellberg

Third row: D Arouca, I Mahomed, J Pembridge, R Fitz

Second row: N Seakeco, N Ntshingila, J Lusso, T Addison, L Shelembe, J Smith

Front row: S Schirge, Mr K Emerson (coach), G Hosking (captain), Mr C White (assistant coach), S Mchunu

At the start of the season, the focus was on combining the U15s and U16s into a cohesive team that could perform to its potential. With clear goals and objectives set early on, the squad quickly bought into the process of working together, playing with unity and striving to achieve both individual and team ambitions.

College boys are always willing to train hard, better themselves and play for one another. This commitment allowed the U16A team to team consistently compete strongly, often outplaying their opposition through disciplined execution of the game plan. While results did not always reflect the performances, particularly due to missed chances in the final third and occasional lapses in defence, the boys showed steady growth as the season progressed. By the final games, the improvement was clear, with the team playing confident, attractive and free-flowing hockey.

A season highlight was two hard-fought victories over Pretoria Boys High. Another memorable moment came at the Hibbert Cup tournament, where the team delivered an excellent performance to finish in fourth place. Time and again, the boys rose to the occasion in pressure moments and showed what they are capable of when they trust their ability.

The side was superbly led by the leadership group of G Hosking (captain), S Schirge, N Seakeco and S Mchunu. Their guidance fostered a strong team spirit and created an environment in which every player felt part of something bigger. Special congratulations go to Mchunu on his selection for the SA U16 team, which he represented with distinction in a test series against Zimbabwe.

Countless hours of training, video analysis, talking through principles and game plans, dedication and discipline on and off the field paid dividends.

Beyond the hockey, the boys developed as young men of character while learning lessons, sharing plenty of laughs and forging lasting friendships. It was a rewarding season, and there is no doubt this group will continue to make the Red Army proud.

Regular players:

G Hosking (captain), N Seakeco, N Lessing, T Addison, J Smith, J Lusso, K Hellberg, S Mchunu, I Mahomed, D Arouca, S Schirge, J Pembridge, G Ntshingila, R Fitz, L Shelembe, N Jakatyana

Results:

vs DHS 0-4, Northwood 0-2, Grey College 1-2, St John's 7-3, Jeppe 1-4, Monument 4-3, Glenwood 3-2, Whitgift (UK) 0-4, PBHS 2-1, St Charles 3-0, Westville 1-1, Kearsney 1-1, Michaelhouse 1-3, Hilton College 1-1, Clifton 1-1, Affies 0-1, PBHS 3-1, Glenwood 1-0

Hibbert Cup Tournament:

The U16A team finished the tournament in 4th place.

vs DHS 1-1, St Alban's 2-0, Selborne 3-0, Clifton 4-2, Grey High 2-3, DHS 0-3

Mr K Emerson

U16B

This team had plenty of character, energy and ability. Over the season, the boys grew not only in their skills on the field, but also in the way they supported one another and worked together towards a shared goal. There was a real sense of enjoyment in the group, and that spirit helped to create a strong team bond. Decision-making was a big focus throughout the season, and the boys improved through hard work, repetition and a willingness to learn. Each player took responsibility for his own development, and it was encouraging to see the confidence, pride and sense of achievement that came with that growth. The boys challenged one another to meet the standard the team required. Watching them put their hard work into practice on match day was a real pleasure. The future is bright, and we look forward to seeing them continue to grow from strength to strength.

Regular players:

J Fincham, L Puddu, J Greaves, B Mnguni, K Hellberg, R Holmes, J Wang, B Nkosi, N Sikhakhane, J Wilson, U Zondo, W Johnson, W van Rooyen, D Smal, N Jakatyana, L Mpisane, T Smith, R Rogers, T Swart, Z Mchunu

Results:

vs DHS 0-2, Northwood 2-5, Glenwood 0-0, PBHS 2-2, Howick 6-1, St Charles 4-1, Michaelhouse 1-1, Kearsney 0-3, Michaelhouse 3-1, Hilton College 2-0, Clifton 4-0, Affies 1-1, PBHS 6-3, Glenwood 2-2

Mercian Festival:

vs KES 2-3, St David's 1-1, St Benedict's 1-2, St Alban's 2-0, Jeppe 1-2

Mr M Diaz

U16C

The U16C team experienced a challenging start to the season with back-to-back defeats. However, the players resilience and determination allowed them to turn things around impressively. A convincing victory against Glenwood on Pape's reignited the season, followed by an excellent win away against Pretoria Boys High.

The highlight of the campaign came on Reunion Day with a resounding win over Kearsney, when the team combined hard work, structure and clinical finishing in front of goal. Under the leadership of J Culverwell, who embodied the qualities of determination, belief, motivation and high standards expected of a College leader, the U16C team thrived.

Throughout the season, the team embraced a philosophy of keeping hockey simple and effective, built on selflessness, hard work and accountability to one another. Among the season's notable performances were two hat-tricks achieved by T Smith. Most memorable was his powerful reverse-stick goal against PBHS during the return fixture. Consequently, he concluded the season as the team's leading goal scorer.

The squad showed remarkable improvement and development over the course of the season. Their commitment in practices and matches was commendable and resulted in a seven-game unbeaten streak at the close of the season.

Regular players:

J Culverwell (captain), A Anthony, D Davis, E Gwala, J Havemann, R Havemann, Z Mchunu, G Mlambo, N Msimang, A Njokweni, R Palmer, R Riley, R Rogers, T Smith, T Swart

Results:

vs DHS 0-3, Northwood 0-1, Glenwood (H) 4-0, PBHS (A) 3-1, St Charles 1-2, Michaelhouse (H) 3-2, Kearsney 5-0, Michaelhouse (A) 1-0, Hilton College 3-2, Affies 2-2, PBHS 3-1, Glenwood (A) 2-0

Mr C White

U16D

The season got off to a rocky start and the team had to overcome a deficit against DHS while they were trying to find their feet and 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 Glenwood, whom we soundly beat in the first fixture. During the second fixture the team played their best hockey, winning eleven-nil, with the majority of the boys getting on the scoresheet. The team used the spaces well 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 M Mabaso and S Zuma ending with twelve goals each. The season will be remembered for how the team changed from a team of individuals to a team known for their camaraderie on and off the turf as well as their impressive eleven wins this season. J Schwikkard and Z Khuluse were selected as the leaders by the boys in the squad.

Regular players:

J Schwikkard (captain), Z Khuluse (vice-captain, goalkeeper), M Khumalo, S Makhanya, M Mabaso, S Nzama, K Gregory, S Biyela, C Markham, T Saville, H Reitz, R Gowar, S Zuma, R Young, K Harper, S September, C Mackay-Leslie

Results:

vs DHS 3-2, Northwood 1-2, Glenwood 4-0, PBHS 4-1, St Charles 3-1, Michaelhouse 6-0, Kearsney 4-0, Michaelhouse 7-1, Hilton College 4-1, Affies 3-0, PBHS 1-0, Glenwood 11-0

Mr D Joshua

U16E

The U16E hockey team's season was a triumphant journey marked by eight wins and two losses across ten matches. S Glover emerged as the top scorer with an impressive nine goals.

A portrait of dedication, the team exemplified their commitment to improvement. Their hunger to learn and their determination were unwavering and displayed in every match they played. With each passing week, their hockey skills improved remarkably, underscoring their ability to adapt and thrive.

Under the leadership of captain, C Scholtz, the team fostered unity and growth. Their relentless spirit, openness to learning, and burgeoning skills paint a promising future for this dedicated U16E team. A special thank you goes to the parents who were always present at matches and ready to assist when needed.

Regular players:

C Scholtz (captain), D Smart, L Borchers, S Gumede, M Moloi, O Zondi, K Khawula, K Mdekazi, S Zama, P Hellberg, R Pillay, M Makhado, D Martin, R Heugh, L Stainbank, S Payn, S Glover, J Moodley

Results:

vs DHS 4-1, Northwood 3-0, PBHS 0-4 and 0-2, St Charles 3-2, Michaelhouse 9-0 and 6-0, Kearsney 3-0, Hilton College 3-1, Affies 4-1

Mr N Croeser

U16F

The U16F team delivered an extraordinary season, emerging undefeated across all matches, a testament to their relentless hard work, discipline and unity. The team's success was built on the foundations of hockey, the basics and speed. Matches and training sessions were approached with focus and energy, as the players worked tirelessly to sharpen their skills and build a fluid unit. Each player understood his role and gave his best effort, not only for personal achievement but for the success of the group. Matches were often won not by individual brilliance alone, but through cohesive play and selflessness. The team's ability to adapt under pressure, maintain composure and fight until the final whistle was a key factor in their unbeaten run.

The team was captained by S Madlala who garnered much respect from the team thanks to his on-field vision and workman-like performance during training sessions and matches. He was capably supported by the team's leading scorer, N Ngcobo. Highlights of the season included away wins against Pretoria Boys High and Affies.

This memorable season will be marked by attitudes that reflect values greater than sport, namely perseverance, loyalty and respect. The team can take great pride in their achievements, knowing they have built an outstanding season and learnt lifelong lessons in teamwork and determination.

Regular players:

S Madlala (captain), Q Heyns, R Klute, T Marimuthu, M Khanyile, N Zungu, N Rukidi, H Zongwane, T Pillay, J Gounder, N Ngcobo, E Naidoo, E Mshengu, P Mpanza

Results:

vs Northwood 4-1 and 3-2, PBHS 6-0, St Charles 1-0 Howick High U14A 3-1, Wembley 3-0, St Charles U16E 5-2, Affies 4-3, PBHS 1-1

Ms R Lubbe

U16G

The U16G hockey team, captained with composure and determination by E Maphumulo, enjoyed a season defined by steady progress, teamwork and memorable performances. From early training sessions through to the final whistle of the last match, the players committed themselves to developing their individual skills and their collective strength as a unit. Their hard work was consistently evident in the way they played with purpose, resilience and pride. A highlight of the season was the commanding victory over St Charles College. In that match, the team combined discipline with attacking flair, and O Zwane delivered a remarkable performance by scoring a hat-trick. This result not only highlighted the individual talent within the squad but also reflected the cohesion and determination that underpinned their play.

Beyond this highlight, the team showed perseverance in every fixture, whether facing tough opposition or building momentum in confident wins. They consistently put the team before themselves, complementing one another's strengths and finding balance in attack and defence. Their commitment extended beyond match days, as they pushed themselves in training to maintain high standards and uphold the College spirit.

What made this group particularly special was the camaraderie they shared, both on and off the field. Their encouragement, humour and unity helped them to navigate challenges and celebrate successes together, leaving them with memories that will be cherished for years to come.

Regular players:

E Maphumulo (captain), K Barnard, T Marwick, B Cele, R Pillay, D Rajarathnam, R Managaran, L Brande, O Zwane, N Ntuli, A Mnguni, K Coetzer, S Ramraj, T Motsoeneng

Results:

vs Northwood 4-0, Hamilton 0-3, PBHS 2-0, St Charles 6-0, Wembley College 2-1, St Charles U16F 2-2, Affies 0-2, PBHS 2-0

Mr S Buthelezi

U16H

The U16H team had a season of ups and downs on the pitch but off the pitch smiles were consistently present at practices and at school. The boys were never short of enthusiasm and while being captained by S Ramraj they were always in good spirits. The boys celebrated wins and mourned losses all while being humble for which they are commended.

The boys competed with great enthusiasm and demonstrated a resilient spirit that truly exemplifies the character of a College boy. The team was always put first and everyone in the team was overjoyed by one another's success. They were always up for a challenge and saw themselves come back from the brink of defeat on more than one occasion, showing their unwavering spirit and determination.

These boys were a pleasure to coach, and improvement was seen in many of them. They were always hungry for success. They say training to achieve perfection is the only way to improve oneself consistently and I am confident that these boys did that. The season was not an easy one, but the main thing is that the improvement amongst the boys is evident.

Regular players:

S Ramraj (captain), K Barnard, K Coetzer, N Ntuli, K Moodley, T Motsoeneng, R Pillay, A Mnguni, T Marwick, T Bhatt, S Gabuza, B Cele

Results:

vs St Charles U16G 1-0, Wembley College 1st 0-3, PBHS U16G 1-1, Northwood 3-1 and 0-5, College U16G 2-1 and 1-1

Mr C Mason



B Lusso (U14A) looking for options.





U14A

Back row: S Tsaulwayo, M Layden, M Puddu, J Spilsbury, R Watermeyer
Second row: M Xaba, B Lusso, Z Fakude, O Phongo
Front row: B Zitumane, C Emerson, Mr M Bechet, S Mthiyane, A Mukono

Blending a diverse group of junior school pupils into a cohesive unit that embodies the Red Army hockey culture is never easy. However, a grueling 25-game season allowed this team to evolve week by week into a formidable force. The primary objective was to foster an environment of trust, commitment, continuous learning and mutual accountability both on and off the field.

Pre-season campaigns at the Nomads Festival and the Hibbert Shield Tournament proved invaluable, allowing the boys to bond off the pitch while developing their cohesion on it. The focus remained firmly on continuous improvement and mastering a sustainable style of play, rather than the pressure of an unbeaten streak. The strategy yielded remarkable success.

Season highlights included reigning supreme in KwaZulu-Natal by defeating every local opponent faced, securing two victories over a talented Grey High School (PE) side, earning a double over PBHS, and defeating a well-coached Wynberg team. The team's offensive execution was highly effective, yielding 79 goals in total. A well-drilled penalty corner unit accounted for 31 of these goals, operating at an impressive 21% success rate. The remaining goals featured sublime field goals born from excellent off-the-ball movement. While teamwork drove this success, major goal contributors included B Zitumane (19 goals), Z Fakude (13 goals), S Mthiyane (13 goals), J Spilsbury (11 goals), and C Emerson (9 goals). Defensively, goalkeeper M Xaba was exceptionally solid, recording 12 clean sheets behind a defensive line anchored by the mature play of Mthiyane. In the midfield, the trio of A Mukono, Emerson, and Zitumane proved peerless in the province, while Fakude led the strike line. Ultimately, every squad member contributed significantly to this exciting, hard-working team, and their progress up the ranks of the Red Army Battalion promises a bright future.

Regular players:

C Emerson and B Zitumane (co-captains), M Xaba, S Tsaulwayo, B Lusso, S Mthiyane, R Watermeyer, A Mukono, Z Fakude, J Spilsbury, M Puddu, M Layden, O Phongo

Results:

vs DHS 4-1, Northwood 3-1, St Charles 10-1, Westville 3-0, Kearsney 4-2, Michaelhouse 3-2, Hilton College 4-0, Clifton 6-0, Affies 5-1, PBHS 3-0, Glenwood 2-0

Nomads (KES):

vs Grey College 1-2, St John's 3-0, Wynberg 3-2, KES 2-0, Grey High 4-0, Glenwood 1-2, Whitgift (UK) U15A 0-4, PBHS 4-0

Hibbert Shield Tournament (Pearson High School):

vs Parel Vallei 3-0, Clifton 5-0, SACS 0-4, Paul Roos 2-8, Westville 2-0, Grey High School 2-1

(finished 5th out of 16 schools)

Mr M Bechet

U14B

Their season can be described as one of missed chances and opportunities. It began well with a good win against DHS and a draw against Northwood, a match in which we dominated but just could not score goals. This would turn out to be our Achilles heel, we dominated many matches but could not capitalise on our opportunities and score goals. During the April holidays, we took a squad of mixed U14B and C players to the Ken Florens U14B Festival at Northwood to give the boys a chance of playing hockey before the second term fixtures started. This was a good opportunity for the boys to play competitive hockey against strong opposition. We managed to draw three games and lost two.

After the holidays, the boys continued playing creatively and produced some good results. Unfortunately, in 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 from the losses we experienced. The boys were frustrated, however, they decided to work harder as a team and to capitalise on every chance they created in their matches. We ended our season with two positive wins.

Special mention is made of our captain, Q St John-Ward, who was dedicated to the team and led them with motivation. The team is also very proud of the following boys who were selected for KZN Inland hockey sides, where they won gold medals in their specific sections: B Abraham and L Mduba (KZN Inland U14B), and L Coetzee (KZN Inland U14C).

It was a pleasure to watch the boys grow and develop their hockey skills throughout the season. 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 next year.

Regular players:

Q St John-Ward (captain), L Mduba, B Abraham, J Kruger, S Ndlovu, B Smith, TJ Polo, S Xhakaza, L Hlongwane, T Cooper, L Coetzee, T Seach, D Marot, T Reynolds, L Gama

Results:

vs DHS 1-0, Northwood 1-1, Jeppe 1-1, Northwood Invitational 1-1, SACS 0-2, Montana 0-0, Grey College 0-2, Glenwood 4-0, PBHS 1-1, Howick A 3-3, St Charles 2-1, Michaelhouse 1-1, Kearsney 1-2, Michaelhouse 0-1, Hilton College 2-3, Clifton 4-0, Affies 0-4, PBHS 2-0, Glenwood 7-0

Mr P Gonlag

U14C

The U14C team had a most productive and somewhat successful season. As a unit they gelled well as the season progressed and it was a pleasure coaching such an enthusiastic and committed group of College boys. The lads trained with purpose and discipline, and the results they achieved were a testament to their positive attitude at training sessions. The team was ably led by M Doyle and A Reitz, both of whom inspired their team mates to great heights.

Highlights of the season were achieving home and away wins against our friends from PBHS, Michaelhouse and Glenwood, while the away draw against a strong Affies team brought great reward to a team that had worked hard and improved during the season.



Top-scoring U14A midfielder, B Zitumane, outruns the attentions of a Northwood player in their early-season game on Pape's.

In their first season in College colours, these boys did everything that was expected of them and they were a credit to their school both on and off the field. I shall be following their progress with much interest as they advance through the ranks of the Red Army in their remaining years at College.

Regular players:

M Doyle (captain), A Reitz (captain), J Wilken, A Chowles, S Browning, X Maluleke, A Ramraj, B Voigts, B James, A Mzolo, A Ntuli, N Ndlovu, K Mvelase, A Mahmoud, J Grobbelaar

Results:

vs DHS 1-1, Northwood 0-0, Glenwood 2-0, PBHS 2-0, St Charles 0-1, Michaelhouse 9-0, Kearsney 2-1, Michaelhouse 4-0, Hilton College 2-4, Affies 1-1, PBHS 2-0, Glenwood 5-0

Mr J Bechet

U14D

The U14D hockey side had a great season which brought many lessons and improvements. The boys showed good commitment towards training sessions and put their hearts out on the field during every game. I am pleased with their performance and how they showed grit and determination despite the hardships of each loss and the determination to come back for good wins.

Regular players:

A Hodge (captain), M Hull, T Jackson, S Zuma, T Padayachee, S Magwenyana, L Bernard, S Sibisi, A Nogwanya, T Mthembu, S Shelembe, T Edmonds, J Howells, L Greeff

Results:

vs DHS 5-0, Northwood 0-3, PBHS 2-2, St Charles 2-1, Kearsney 10-0, Affies 1-2, PBHS 0-2

Mr H McIntyre

U14E

The U14E hockey team had an outstanding season, marked by growth, teamwork and a positive spirit. Throughout the season, players demonstrated commitment, resilience and sportsmanship. Beyond results on the astro, the true success of the team lay in the friendships formed, the confidence gained and the strong sense of camaraderie that defined their journey.

Regular players:

R Swanepoel, M Mpanza K Harty, M Shelembe B Vorwerk, M Winterboer, L Tshongweni, Y Moodley, T Mhlongo, Z Thomson, P Kalicharan, M Soji, M Molo, P Rajkumar

Results:

vs Northwood 2-3, Northwood 7-5, PBHS 3-0, St Charles 9-0, Grace College 1-3, Affies 1-0, PBHS 3-2

Mesdames L Mkhize and H Breedt



1st XV

Back row: O Kosani, C Mountfort, J Smit, E Mabanga, P Mkoyana, L Tsoko
Third row: R Stanton, I Mlotshwa, M Pretorius, A Ngubane, D du Toit, C Scheepers
Second row: N Mkize, L Hadebe, A Cahill, D Colenbrander, T Boshoff, L Mabanga
Front row: C Cherayi, Mr H Horn, M Vyambwera, Mr N Breedt, AB Hadebe, Mr S Badenhorst, J Thackwray

Overview from the Director of Rugby

Maritzburg College rugby enjoyed a successful 2025 season, marked by an abundant talent pool, 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 fervent 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.

The Maritzburg College rugby programme is defined by its exceptional depth and a clear commitment to mass participation. With large squad numbers across the age groups, every player is given the opportunity to train, compete and develop within a highly structured environment. The programme emphasises broad-based involvement, ensuring that talent is nurtured at all levels rather than in select teams alone. This inclusive approach not only strengthens overall performance but also builds a sustainable pipeline for future 1st XV squads. The consistent success across multiple junior teams in 2025 reflects the strength of this development philosophy.

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 U17A Academy Week: O Kosani, R Stanton, T Boshoff, Mr F Malinga (assistant coach), Mr T Orchard (assistant coach)

Sharks U17B 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

Mr H Marnitz

1st XV

The 2025 season marked a period of transition, consolidation and continued excellence for the Maritzburg College rugby programme. With changes in senior coaching staff, strong performances across all age groups and multiple provincial and national selections, the school reaffirmed its status as a leading contributor to South African schoolboy rugby. The year demonstrated vast player base within the programme, notable competitive resilience and promising talent development for future seasons.

The season commenced with the appointment of Mr Nico Breedt as the 1st XV head coach. His tenure introduced fresh technical perspectives and renewed strategic focus. Under his guidance, the team achieved several

key victories and the coaching structures across the programme remained robust, ensuring continuity in player development and performance standards.

The 1st XV’s 2025 campaign was characterised by determination and adaptability. Key match outcomes included several outstanding victories, particularly the fixtures against Michaelhouse, St Charles College and Hilton College, all played on their Old Boys days. That was enhanced by a solid victory over Kearsney College on our Reunion Day. These results reflect the team’s improvement in defensive systems, set-piece consistency, and match temperament.

Maritzburg College players achieved numerous provincial and national selections, reaffirming the quality of training and development systems. The 2025 season stands as a testament to the enduring strength and competitive spirit of Maritzburg College rugby. The programme delivered strong performances, cultivated talent and reinforced its status as one of South Africa’s premier rugby institutions. With a powerful youth pipeline and renewed focus on coaching continuity, the foundations laid in 2025 set the stage for a successful season in 2026 and beyond.



The captain and 8th man, M Vyambwera, charges across Goldstone’s in the game against Glenwood High School.

Player Critique:

Forwards:

I Mlotshwa (*loosehead prop, Sharks U18A Craven Week, Colours*): His sheer hard work and determination earned him selection to the Sharks U18 Craven Week team. He was consistently strong at the breakdown and reliable in contact.

T Boshoff (*hooker, Sharks U17A Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): Boshoff offers a strong set piece and is an explosive ball carrier. He provided the side with important go-forward momentum and was particularly effective in the collision area.

A Ngubane (*tighthead prop, Sharks U18A Craven Week, Honours*): Ngubane is a determined forward whose commitment at training and in matches was evident and he was particularly effective in the tight exchanges.

E Mabanga (*lock, Large White Badge*): A natural broken-field runner, Mabanga thrives in unstructured play. His energy and willingness to get stuck in were crucial in several tight encounters. He set a strong example in terms of work rate and commitment.

R Stanton (*lock/loose forward, Sharks U17A Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): Stanton is a skilled, tactical forward and natural leader. His strong lineout skills, composure under pressure and playmaking ability provided steady, vital direction for the team.

C Cherayi (*blindsided flank, Sharks U18A Craven Week, Honours*): A fierce competitor who consistently led by example, bringing aggression, work ethic and composure. Whether on attack or defence, he never shied away from the contest.

D Colenbrander (*openside flank, Sharks U17B Afgri Week, Large White Badge*): Colenbrander is a relentless opponent who displayed remarkable endurance. His physicality and his willingness to work made him an indispensable member of the loose trio.

M Vyambwera (*captain, 8th man, Sharks U18A Craven Week, SA Schools’ U18A, SA U18A, Honours*): Vyambwera was an outstanding captain and a superb athlete who led from the front. His speed, physicality, ability to break the line and composure under pressure made him one of the team’s most dynamic forwards.

L Mabanga (*loosehead prop, Large White Badge*): L Mabanga developed into a powerful ball carrier, applying himself admirably both on attack and defence. He will be a formidable forward in the coming seasons.

M Pretorius (*lock, Large White Badge*): Pretorius is extremely reliable at restarts and strong at the breakdown. His work rate was consistent all season, and he often produced key moments in defence.

P Mkoyana (*lock*): Mkoyana plays the game with enthusiasm. He loved the contact zone and consistently took the hard carries. His attitude and enthusiasm for rugby were contagious, contributing positively to the overall spirit of the team.

J Smit (*lock, Large White Badge*): Smit is a physical, committed and hardworking player whose season was unfortunately cut short by injury. He played with intent and showed the grit expected of a College forward, willingly taking contact.

C Mountfort (*lock, Large White Badge*): Mountfort possesses an impressive skill set and a natural feel for the game. Across set-pieces and general play, he often provided stability and his ability to link well with forwards and backs made him valuable on attack.

Backs:

D du Toit (*scrumhalf, Sharks U17B Afgri Week, Large White Badge*): Du Toit was exceptional as the team’s primary goal kicker. His ability to control territory and make smart decisions under pressure played a major role in the team’s attacking structure.

L Tsoko (*flyhalf, Sharks U17B Afgri Week, Large White Badge*): Tsoko has a strong skill set and natural confidence, with the ability to distribute well and manage the flow of play.

L Sinkfontein (*left wing, Large White Badge*): Sinkfontein is a player with natural flair and feel for the game of rugby. His defence took pressure off the team and his superb footwork often led to successful attacks.

J Thackwray (*inside centre, Large White Badge*): Thackwray is a strong defender and excellent passer who played with consistency and maturity. His calm presence in the midfield helped steady the backline.

O Kosani (*outside centre, Sharks U17A Academy Week, Colours and Scarf*): Kosani has exceptional running ability and a natural eye for space. He was deservedly rewarded with a SA U17 camp call-up.

C Scheepers (*right wing, Large White Badge*): Scheepers is a natural athlete with pure pace. His acceleration and elusiveness caused constant problems for opposition defenders.

AB Hadebe (*vice-captain, fullback/outside centre, Large White Badge*): AB Hadebe is a committed team player and has the ability to beat defenders and find space. He is an uncompromising defender, and an excellent reader of the game.

N Mkize (*wing, Large White Badge*): Mkhize played with immense heart and competitiveness despite his smaller physical frame. His courage and work rate, both in attack and defence epitomised the College spirit.

A Cahill (*wing, Large White Badge*): Cahill is a strong defender and reliable kicker who played a key role in managing pressure moments. He contributed significantly to the team’s tactical kicking game.

L Hadebe (*fullback, Large White Badge*): L Hadebe is a dangerous broken-field runner who, when given room, consistently asked questions of the defence.

Match Reports

vs DHS (away) lost 13-29

The first half was a very equal affair. College kicked two challenging penalties from almost the same area on the field and after trailing early in the match, College lead most of the second half. Losing College's vice-captain and outside centre early, due to an unfortunate head knock, made the task more of a challenge but the boys remained focused and positive. With four minutes remaining in the first half, DHS scored the first try of the match. Soon after, on the stroke of half time, DHS kicked through another loose ball and scored again under the poles.

The second half was mostly dominated by DHS, whose superior execution of territorial tactics pinned College deep in their own half for most of the rest of the game. The College defence was put under enormous pressure and albeit very gutsy, DHS converted that pressure into another two tries.

With the score favouring DHS and almost 15 minutes remaining, there was a sense of inevitability that the home side was going to run away with it. In true College spirit the College boys never gave up and DHS did not score again. With a couple of minutes left, after defending for most of the second half, College were able to score their first try which was also converted.

Tries: Vyambwera
Conversions: Tsoko
Penalties: Cahill (2)

vs Northwood (Goldstone's) lost 21-24

An early yellow card put College under obvious pressure and Northwood scored the opening try under the posts. College came close to crossing Northwood's line a couple of times but failed to capitalise. They did however kick two penalties to keep within range of the visitors, going into halftime trailing.

The second half saw College build more pressure and cross the line twice, as well as kicking another penalty. With eight minutes left College seemed to have taken control of the game with a healthy lead. College had another promising attacking line-out opportunity but crucially conceded the ball and Northwood took possession, taking play within 5 metres of College's goal line. A scrum penalty was conceded by College, Northwood kicked into the corner and proceeded to maul and score their first points of the second half. The score stood at 21-17 with four minutes to go.

College did not kick the restart 10 metres and gave Northwood a middle scrum on the half line. Play was taken wide from the scrum and Northwood scored under the poles, taking the lead. The exit from the restart was charged down and final play of the game saw College defending, and they managed to keep Northwood at bay.

Tries: Vyambwera, Mlotshwa
Conversions: Cahill (2)
Penalties: Cahill (3)

St John's Festival

College 1st XV rugby attended the St John's Easter Rugby Festival where they played two fixtures.

vs Golden Lions Invitational XV: won 43-0

Tries: Vyambwera, Ngubane, Scheepers (2), Harris, Colenbrander, Boshoff
Conversions: du Toit (3), Cahill

vs Hoërskool Nelspruit: lost 13-23

Tries: Kosani
Conversions: Cahill
Penalties: Cahill (2)

vs Glenwood High School (Goldstone's) won 37-25

The boys produced a performance of which to be extremely proud. Preparation had been challenging with last minute injuries and lost training time due to lightning and severe rain in the week building up to the game. College showed that there is a lot of fight in them and were able to deliver with their backs to the wall and under huge pressure to secure their first victory of the 2025 season.

The first half was a very even contest with both teams scoring one converted try each and kicking two penalties, resulting in a half time score of 13-13.

The second half was a more polished performance by College, scoring three beautiful tries to the two tries from Glenwood. College also very maturely kicked a penalty in front of the posts to solidify their lead. Glenwood fought valiantly and scored their third try of the match in the last minutes, but it was too late, and College took the win.

Tries: Kosani, A Hadebe, Cahill, Scheepers
Conversions: du Toit (4)
Penalties: du Toit (3)

vs PBHS (away) won 45-28

On a beautiful autumn afternoon in Pretoria, College's 1st XV put on what was probably their best performance of the season. From the start it was evident that College meant business and the boys were leading handsomely after 25 minutes. Pretoria Boys never gave up and scored two tries just before the break. It was clear that a win was not going to be easy for either side.

College started the second half even more determined and played some outstanding rugby, defending like their lives depended on it. With seven minutes to go, College led. PBHS capitalised on some late opportunities to score the last two converted tries of the match.

Tries: Vyambwera (2), Boshoff, Colenbrander, Kosani (2)
Conversions: du Toit (6)
Penalties: du Toit

vs St Charles (away) won 26-16

College expected a fired-up home team and that is exactly what we got. St Charles scored first with a brilliant cross kick try under the posts. College spent much of the opening exchange defending like trojans, but St Charles managed eventually to build their lead. College had opportunities to hit back but were inaccurate and impatient and the pressure was evident, before they finally managed to strike back with a brilliantly converted try.

The second half saw more accuracy in play from College, and after sustained pressure, they crossed the line. Minutes later St Charles forced a penalty and successfully opted for poles, to take back the lead. As the match continued College managed to play more in the host's half and were rewarded with a converted try with 20 minutes to go. This was shortly followed by St Charles closing the gap again with a 3-pointer.

Wildeklawer Festival

College once again proved their mettle against South Africa's elite at the prestigious 2025 Absa Wildeklawer Sport Festival hosted by Hoërskool Diamantveld, Kimberley. Facing a fiercely competitive roster, the Red, Black and White left everything on the field. Though wins narrowly escaped our boys, their relentless spirit, heart and character laid a powerful foundation for the rest of the season.

vs Jeppe lost 24-37

Tries: Kosani, A Hadebe, Scheepers
Conversions: du Toit, Cahill (2)
Penalties: Cahill

vs Diamandveldt lost 31-38

Tries: Boshoff (2), Armoed, Mlotshwa
Conversions: Tsoko (3), du Toit
Penalties: du Toit



A Cahill escapes the clutches of a Northwood School player. With kicking duties in this game he converted twice and slotted in three penalties for a total of 13 points for the College team.

College scored again with persistent pressure on their opponent's goal line, extending their lead. For the last few minutes, St Charles threw everything they had at them, and College defence and discipline were tested to the maximum. To the relief of the Red, Black, White spectators, College's resilience was enough, and they managed a hard-fought victory under tremendous pressure. This was a victory of which the team can be proud with dedication by all the players.

Tries: Thackwray, Colenbrander, Pretorious, Kosani
Conversions: du Toit (3)

vs Westville (away) lost 21-22

From the start, the collisions were fierce and the tempo exactly what one would expect from two extremely motivated rugby teams. Westville crossed the whitewash first with a long range try from a set phase scrum. Soon after Westville was on the board again beating College on the blindside and scoring in the corner. For the second time in the first half College passed on an opportunity to kick a penalty for poles and opted for an attacking line out instead. This time College managed to get over the line after some hard work by the forwards. Unfortunately, they could not keep the momentum and conceded their third try of the match, after a knock-on advantage straight after the kick-off receipt. It seemed like a high scoring encounter was inevitable. Soon after College scored with a quick tap penalty and Westville hung onto their lead until half time.

The second half saw College regain possession after the kick-off and after some well-worked phases they scored in the corner. Westville kicked a long-range penalty of more than 50 metres to regain the lead. Although both teams threatened their opponent's goal lines on several occasions, the defences held strong. College had a last-minute opportunity but could not hold on to possession to force a penalty in the dying seconds for a chance to win the match.

Tries: Colenbrander, Mlotshwa, Kosani
Conversions: du Toit (3)

vs Kearsney (Goldstone's) won 35-20

College used an early counter-attack opportunity to score the opening try through some slick passing. Unfortunately, they failed to exit their half and Kearsney responded with a penalty to poles, narrowing the College lead. College responded soon after with a penalty shot and the kick at poles was successful. After brilliant defence from both sides, Kearsney eventually broke the College defensive line and scored a well-rounded try, and after half an hour the scores were tied.

A brilliant individual try from College directly after the kick-off opened the gap again but ill-discipline by College resulted in another successful penalty attempt just before half-time.

In the second half College played a better territorial game and made wiser decisions with ball in hand. The first try of the half came after many good phases and College scored in the corner. Kearsney then crossed the College line with a well-executed penalty move to narrow the gap once again.

As expected on such a momentous day, the College defence held up for the remainder of the game and Kearsney failed to get any more points on the board. College added to their lead with two more successful penalty attempts. After a turnover ball from some more excellent defence, College attacked the blind side and got the favourable bounce from a brilliantly weighted chip to score the final points and try of the match. A well-rounded performance from College of which they can be extremely proud.

Tries: Thackwray, Colenbrander, Vyambwera, Sinkfontein
Conversions: du Toit (3)
Penalties: du Toit (3)

vs Michaelhouse (away) won 31-25

College produced one of their most clinical first half performances to date. They scored the opening try and continued applying pressure. Michaelhouse opened their account with a maul try, with only a minute and a half to go before half time.

Three minutes into the second half, Michaelhouse scored their second try of the match. Resolute defence from both teams resulted in an unchanged score board for the next ten minutes. College's intensity remained unwavering and they finally scored their first try of the second half, but Michaelhouse almost immediately struck back with a beautiful try in the corner. With six and half minutes to go the hosts added another three points to the score board, narrowing the gap.

There was a sense of inevitability of an infamous Michaelhouse come back and the stage could not be set more dramatically. College masterfully retained possession for the closing minutes and scored their fourth and final try of the match.

With time up on the clock, Michaelhouse was rewarded with a penalty which they converted into a 7-point driving maul try. A well-deserved victory by Maritzburg College and just reward for their commitment and hard work.

Tries: Thackwray, Kosani (2), Scheepers
Conversions: du Toit (4)
Penalties: du Toit

vs Hilton College (away) won 23-20

From the start, Maritzburg College was under huge pressure and spent most of the first half defending and battling to get into Hilton's half. Although College scored the first try, Hilton struck back and scored two tries, going into the break ahead.

Hilton scored first in the second half with a successful long-range penalty and College replied shortly after, also taking the three points with an almost 50 metre kick. College managed to get the opening try in the second half, leading marginally. Another period of good play resulted in a penalty for College and the shot at goal was successful, increasing College's lead to 5 points.

Hilton managed to score in the corner after some powerful mauling but was unable to convert, leaving the scores tied, with less than 10 minutes to go. A powerful scrum resulted in a penalty to College in Hilton's half and College bravely took the three and the lead, but 100 seconds of drama awaited.

From the kick off, College failed to gather cleanly and Hilton was awarded a line-out 40 metres from College's goal line. Hilton got a penalty from the resulting play, opting to go for poles and the draw, but narrowly missed and the game was done. Some good fortune for the College boys and supporters and a massive congratulations to all involved as it is a rare feat to come away with a victory at Hilton.

Tries: Kosani, Cherayi
Conversions: du Toit (2)
Penalties: du Toit (3)

vs Afrikaanse Hoër Seunskool (away) lost 27-43

College was under massive pressure from the onset and a resulting yellow card added to one of the toughest first halves of the season. Predictably, Affies’ maul play put them firmly in control of the match and quickly resulted in a lead. But just as predictable was the College refusal to give up and they clawed their way back.

The end of the first half saw College again reduced to 14 men, but remarkably they played some of their best rugby despite the disadvantage, and after a 50-metre penalty, briefly took the lead. Affies seemed to find another gear and systematically regained the lead through more dominant line-out play and were soon leading. With five minutes remaining, College scored a brilliant quick throw-in 60 metre try and Affies was reminded that College will never go away. At three minutes to go the Affies’ lead was reduced to just four points and College supporters held their breath at the prospect of a dramatic comeback. Once again Affies had the ability to shift up their intensity, scoring two converted tries in the last two minutes of the game, and as the records will forever show, won the match comfortably. For those who watched the game it was with a true appreciation for College’s resilience and ability to compete with any team in the country.

Tries: du Toit, Scheepers, A Hadebe
Conversions: du Toit (3)
Penalties: du Toit (2)

vs Pretoria Boys High School (Goldstone’s) lost 27-31

College got off to an ideal start scoring the first converted try and a second shortly after giving PBHS a lead. From the restart College made the cardinal error of not securing possession and two resulting penalties kept PBHS on the attack. They managed to get their opening try to close the gap.

College had many opportunities to score their third try but poor decision-making and resolute defence by PBHS kept them from crossing the line, and finally College had to be happy with a penalty and opted for poles. A clever chip kick by the visitors caught the hosts by surprise and resulted in a penalty for PBHS and a quick tap try.

The opening score in the second half was a three pointer from College and not long after they followed up with a beautiful turnover try under the poles, stretching their lead. PBHS struck back with a beautiful line-out set piece play and scored a try under the poles, closing the gap. College had more opportunities but failed to be as clinical as their opponents. PBHS scored two more tries and took the lead for the first time. In a dramatic finish, College had a scrum 5 metres out from PBHS’s tryline but the visitors’ defence held strong and denied College a get-out-of-jail score, resulting in heart break for College and a massive celebration for the brave men from PBHS.

Tries: L Hadebe, Vyambwera, du Toit
Conversions: du Toit (3)
Penalties: du Toit (2)

vs Glenwood High School (away) won 14-10

Maritzburg College 1st XV played their final match of the season, hosted by Glenwood. Both teams naturally wanted to give their matric boys a fairy tale ending and the atmosphere was electric. Glenwood was the first to score a converted try with a well-executed backline play. As always College fought back immediately and after a long period of sustained pressure and perseverance, they struck back with a converted try of their own. The only other points scored in the first half was a successful penalty taken by Glenwood.

College started the second half strongly, scoring their second try of the match and converting, giving them a 4-point lead. Superb defence from both teams resulted in many errors. Glenwood had almost all the territory and possession for most of the second half, but miraculously College managed to keep Glenwood out to hold on to their narrow lead, winning the match. There was a sense of disbelief from the crowd considering the pressure Glenwood had put on College’s goal line. The last game of the season was a true testament to our College boys’ spirit and belief, and a memorable send-off for the matrics.

Tries: Colenbrander, E Mabanga
Conversions: du Toit (2)

Mr N Breedt



With a win on Dixon’s the College 1st XV were well pleased with their narrow and hard-fought 14 – 10 win to sign off on the 2025 season.

2nd XV

The 2025 season for the Maritzburg College 2nd XV, known as the *Sasha*, was characterised by renewal, pride and competitive spirit. A key objective was to restore the identity and significance of the team, long associated with tradition and depth in College rugby. The squad embraced this challenge, laying a strong foundation for the future.

The season opened with a narrow loss to DHS, but this was followed by a series of convincing victories that showed growing discipline and cohesion. The standout performance came against St Charles, when the *Sasha* produced arguably their most complete display of the season.

A total of 35 players earned caps, while keeping a consistent core sustained cohesion. Four players, M Manana, captain M Gwala, K Dedekind and S Xaba, played in all 12 matches. Dedekind was the leading player, scoring six tries and excelling both in line-outs and open play. Gwala led with distinction, notably delivering an outstanding performance against Affies. Scrumhalf R Armoed provided experience and composure throughout, while kicker A Cahill, with an 82% success rate, contributed 52 points despite limited appearances.

The team lost only once in their first seven games, recording five wins and a draw, but struggled later, winning just once in their final five fixtures. Despite this, they showed resilience and maintained an unbeaten home record on Goldstone’s.

A dramatic draw against Michaelhouse, secured after a last-minute multi-phase attack, epitomised their fighting spirit. The contributions of players, coaches and supporters, along with special thanks to assistant coach Mr S Badenhorst, ensured a memorable season. The legacy of 2025 will inspire future *Sasha* teams.

Regular players:

M Gwala (captain), D Abrahams, R Armoed, E Bester, A Cahill, Z Canham, R Chikukwa, K Dedekind, W de Klerk, M Harris, J Jordaan, E Mabanga, L Mabanga, M Manana, N Mkize, P Mkoyana, M Pretorius, J Smit, S Xaba

Results:

vs DHS 15-22, Northwood 24-12, Glenwood 21-14, PBHS 14-5, St Charles 61-3, Michaelhouse 32-32, Kearsney 19-10, Michaelhouse 17-34, Hilton College 7-24, Affies 24-48, PBHS 24-5, Glenwood 7-17

Mr R Bremner



A Hadebe swerves across Goldstone’s.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV produced a season that reflected both resilience and brotherhood, playing with the grit and determination that epitomises College rugby. Under the steady leadership of captain N Koller, the squad embodied the values of trust, sacrifice and loyalty in every fixture. Their performances revealed not only physical toughness but also a collective mindset that placed the team above the individual.

One of the hallmarks of this group was their ability to stay composed in tight contests. Whether defending their line under pressure or working their way back into a game, they consistently displayed the warrior spirit, refusing to quit and finding strength in the shared belief that every moment matters. Victories over traditional rivals displayed their discipline and unity, while narrow defeats only strengthened their resolve.

A defining feature of the season was the growth of the players as young men. They learned to embrace the grind, face pain with courage, and play for something greater than themselves. The camaraderie within the group will ensure this campaign is remembered not only for its results but also for the bonds forged and the lessons learned about resilience and character.

Regular players:

N Koller (captain), A Duma, A Khwela, B Jean-Louis, C Sweetnam, C Fynn, C Siyongwana, D Cruickshank, D Abrahams, E Mpapa, E Bester, J Goatley, J Taylor, L Kosani, L Dreyer, L Khumalo, N Tshabalala, P Louwrens, R Chikukwa, S Venniker, S Duma, T van Niekerk, W Trodd, W de Klerk

Results:

vs DHS 7-5, Northwood 15-12, Glenwood 26-12, PBHS 19-5, Midlands Development 1st 34-7, Michaelhouse 14-10, Kearsney 45-5, Michaelhouse 17-20, Hilton College 17-13, Affies 13-29, PBHS 10-7, Glenwood 21-12

Messrs J Taljaard and M Kritzinger

4th XV

The 4th XV enjoyed an excellent season in which they gave everything for each other and the College badge. Guided by captain B le Roux, the team grew into a unit that balanced flair and discipline with a deep commitment to the values of brotherhood and resilience. They played with trust, purpose and an unshakable spirit, making them one of the most enjoyable teams to watch.

Their dominance in key fixtures came through a relentless forward pack and a backline willing to take calculated risks. Several matches highlighted their attacking power, while others displayed their defensive grit, proving they could win games in multiple ways. Even in defeat, the side lived out their motto: never quitting, always rising.

What defined this group, however, was their culture. They trained hard, honoured the game and supported each other through victory and setback. For many, the highlight was not just the scoreboard but the camaraderie and brotherhood that developed across the season. They leave behind a standard of resilience, discipline and loyalty that will inspire those who follow.

Regular players:

B le Roux (captain), A Bhengu, A Khwela, B Botha, B Jean-Louis, B Demont, C Morewood, C Siyongwana, C van Rooyen, D Cruickshank, J Nettleton, J Taylor, J Combrink, J Harris, J Thompson, J Steyn, L Kosani, L Dreyer, M Oosthuizen, M Ndlovu, N Jaftha, N Khanye, N Ngobese, P van Rooyen, S Hughes, SD Watts, S Mchunu, T van Niekerk

Results:

vs DHS 5-12, Northwood 29-7, Glenwood 50-0, PBHS 25-12, Linpark 1st 29-0, Michaelhouse 28-15, Kearsney 59-0, Michaelhouse 26-28, Hilton College 27-0, Affies 12-48, PBHS 26-10, Glenwood 22-0

Messrs J Taljaard and M Kritzinger

5th XV



Mr N Sutherland with his 5th XV players after the last game of his College rugby-coaching career – this time at Glenwood where his team delivered a 26 – 7 win for College.

The season began in difficult conditions, with a hard-fought victory over a strong DHS side in pouring rain. Resolute defence in the closing stages prevented College from scoring more, despite sustained pressure. After the Easter break, a convincing win against Glenwood set up a challenging away fixture against PBHS, when a last-minute try secured a narrow but deserved victory.

A scrappy match against Ashton 1st XV ended in defeat, and a cancelled Northwood fixture saw Michaelhouse visit instead. In a thrilling contest, Michaelhouse edged the game with resolute defence late in the game. Redemption followed against Kearsney, where an impressive display of running rugby secured a solid win. However, a return fixture against Michaelhouse on their Old Boys' Day proved difficult, with several enforced changes disrupting momentum and resulting in another defeat.

As the term ended, the team produced a strong performance to beat Hilton away. Momentum faltered during the Affies fixture, leading to a disappointing outcome. The penultimate match against PBHS on Goldstone's was fiercely contested, with the opposition pressing hard throughout. In the final match against Glenwood a reshuffled side, featuring players from lower teams, rose to the occasion delivering a spirited performance and a well-earned victory.

6th XV

The season began in excellent fashion with an away fixture against a focused and strong DHS side. We executed our attacking plan precisely as intended, making effective use of width in our play. This approach proved highly successful, and we secured a convincing victory.

We played Glenwood and then travelled to Pretoria to face and PBHS. Once again, the 6th XV displayed remarkable courage and determination, achieving two convincing wins. The boys were in excellent form, despite facing significant challenges.

Due to road construction issues, we were unable to travel to Northwood, instead we hosted Michaelhouse at home. This proved to be a very hard and tightly contested match, which we ultimately won.

We also faced Howick 1st XV, playing them three times this year, and secured two victories and one loss. These were difficult and physically demanding matches, but once again the 6th XV consistently produced high-quality rugby.

After nearly 40 years at College, this match marked this coach's final season, highlighted by the team's resilience and 'never say die' attitude. Captain M Canham led with distinction, combining powerful running with precise distribution. Gratitude is extended to Mr Ruben Abrahams for his energy and dynamic coaching, whose presence will be greatly missed.

Regular players:

J Combrink, R Boshoff, M Thomson, G Thomson, A Bhengu, J Zunckel, N Khanye, T Sehloko, Z Nkosi, V Kasambala, J Fincham, R Upfold, J Thompson, L Bhengu, J Craig, B Watts, D Davies, B Botha, M Canham, B Cook, J Odell, R Venter, J Steyn, C Morewood, N Pembridge, E Clark, J Harris, D Suter, J Slevin, C Potgieter, T Ambler, L Baptista, J van der Merwe, H Goddard, T Ekerold, K Basson

Results:

vs DHS 17-14, Northwood 32-5, Glenwood 50-0, PBHS 15-12, Ashton 1st 23-10, Michaelhouse 26-34, Kearsney 50-0, Michaelhouse 21-31, Hilton College 19-0, Affies 0-49, PBHS 10-7, Glenwood 26-7

Mr N Sutherland

The game against Curro Hillcrest 1st XV, one of the best matches of the season, ended in a draw, yet I was proud of the boys' performance. Players such as scrum-half W Maartens showed great courage, as did the wing J Odell.

I thank Mr Nigel Sutherland for his guidance and support. His input into my development, particularly as a young coach, has been invaluable.

Regular players:

B Cook, B Watts, C Williams, C Morewood, C Machwane, C Potgieter, D Suter, E Phoenix, E Clark, H Goddard, J Odell, J Combrink, J Zunckel, J Craig, J Fincham, J Steyn, J van der Merwe, K Basson, L Baptista, M Canham, M Baca, N Pembridge, N Khanye, S Pedlar, SD Watts, T Kruger, T Ambler, T Sehloko, W Maartens

Results:

vs DHS 32-0, Northwood 33-5, Howick 1st 32-30, PBHS 36-0, Haythorne 1st 39-14, Michaelhouse 13-12, Howick 1st 12-17, Michaelhouse 0-8, Curro Hillcrest 11-11, Affies 8th 3-22, Howick 1st 17-5

Mr R Abrahams

7th XV

The 7th team was challenging in that from week to week there were usually wholesale changes in the make-up of the team. This was exacerbated through the season until in the final weeks when we could have as many as ten new players in the team each week. With so many changes it was difficult to build on positive momentum and to grow a game plan. We had to stick to basics and do them well to outmatch our opponents. Game preparations often involved getting new players into the plan, when we should have been introducing variation on attack and honing our defence skills. Having said that, the players who were promoted from lower teams invariably stepped up and showed the College character and grit to which we are accustomed.

Captained by Stead, Steyn and others through the season, we had some excellent games. A hard-fought loss against Kloof High at Michaelhouse must rank as one of the performances of the season. The scoreline does not reflect the closeness of the game as Kloof scored twice in the final minutes to pull away from us. College boys stood up to a bulky side and made them work for every inch of the field. We also attacked well and finished our own opportunities well. In only one game were we on the receiving end of a 40-point loss, to Affies away, which is an improvement on some of our previous years' performances in which we have often taken a 50 pointer. A gutsy win against a determined St Charles's 4th side, on their main field, and on their 150th anniversary and Old Boys Reunion weekend, was also very sweet.

Regular players:

T Ambler, R Anderson, M Baca, B Barnard, L Becket, K Basson, J Fryer Dudley, D Galtrey, H Goddard, R Harley, C Hurson, S Khumalo, T Kruger, C Machwane, S Maharaj, S Makhaye, W Maartens, S Mbatha, C Mundell, M Murgatroyd, MJ Ndlovu, J Nettleton, AN Ngcobo, S Ngobese, J Odell, E Phoenix, J Stead, J Steyn, D Suter, F Thabethe, A Taylor, A Tilbury, R van Rensburg, R Venter, C Williams, C Wilson

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 17-7, Alex High 1st 29-10, Glenwood 6th 68-0, PBHS 52-7, St Charles 4th 15-7, Weston 1st 3-10, Howick 2nd 15-5, Kloof 1st 19-33, Hilton College 6th 31-0, Affies 0-40, PBHS 32-7

Messrs R Paterson and S Mazibuko

8th XV

The 8th team had a season of constant adjustments and new faces, as the side rarely had the same players available from week to week. Despite these challenges, the boys consistently displayed determination and a willingness to work for one another. The team dynamic was built on grit and effort rather than individual brilliance, and each match provided an opportunity for players to grow and contribute.

One of the highlights of the season was the final fixture against Pretoria Boys High. In that match, the 8ths produced their best performance of the year, combining the lessons and structures worked on throughout the season into a cohesive and disciplined display. From the first whistle to the last, the boys played with heart and teamwork, ultimately securing a memorable win. That victory reflected not only their progress as a team but also their resilience and spirit in overcoming the obstacles of a changing lineup.

Every individual who wore the 8th team jersey contributed, and it was this sense of unity that allowed the team to finish strongly.

Regular players:

A Tilbury, C Mundell, C Wilson, C Ncwane, D Galtrey, H Goddard, J Armstrong, J Tilbury, L Greyling, L de Jager, L Mabande, N Dube, R van Rensburg, S Simamane, S Makhaye, S Ngobese, S Mbatha, S Maharaj, T Foster, T Mafunga, W Maartens, Z Msane

Results:

vs Michaelhouse 24-5, Michaelhouse 7th 20-24, Glenwood 7th 50-0 PBHS 46-0, Howick 2nd 5-32, Michaelhouse 7th 24-14, Kearsney 6th 42-5, Michaelhouse 7th 5-62, Hilton College 7th 35-12, Affies 10th 0-42, PBHS 50-0.

Messrs R Paterson and S Mazibuko

9th XV

The 9th team's season was one of growth, with both unforgettable moments and difficult times. We managed to produce an average set of results. The boys' comfort zones were challenged during practices, and they pushed themselves almost as hard in matches. They definitely showed the 'College Dog' in them.

The biggest challenge that this team faced, throughout the season, was the loss of players. We had boys promoted to higher teams, but none coming down. By the end of the season, the team had completely changed three times. They were captained by R van Rensburg and J Wessels. The boys were committed throughout and grew as rugby players. Their skills improved without a doubt, and their fitness dramatically improved. J Slevin was the most improved backline player and S Maharaj was the best forward. Things became harder towards the end of the season when we would have about five players move up every Thursday practice, which would lead to us going into matches without practicing enough with the new players. Given the developmental stage of the players in the lower teams, practice and teamwork is a priority to help them grow. As a result, we saw a decline in results later in the season.

The highlight of the season was the comeback we made after the first game of the season, winning three big games in a row. The team spirit and brotherhood never wavered. We thank Mr S Botha for helping throughout the season.

Regular players:

R van Rensburg (captain), T Joubert, C Khumalo, N Gosling, A Sithole, T Foster, S Maharaj, Z Msane, J Slevin, O Hoatson, N Dube, D Galtry, J Tilbury, B Zote, L Mabande

Results:

vs Hilton College 7th 0-33, Michaelhouse 8th 25-22, Glenwood 8th 41-00, PBHS 30-17, Linpark 2nd 24-29, Michaelhouse 8th 22-21, Carter 1st 12-36, Michaelhouse 8th 13-21, Affies 6-49, PBHS 29-19

Messrs A Sparrow and N Zulu

10th XV

The 2025 rugby season was a remarkable journey for our team, marked by significant growth, improvement and camaraderie. With a mix of experienced players and new talent, our aim was to optimise performance and unlock the full potential of our players, and we felt that we were successful in many of these areas.

Several players demonstrated notable growth, with some earning selections to play for high teams. Our emphasis on teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship paid off, resulting in a strong, cohesive unit with improved performance and team dynamics. We will work on improving our consistency next year. Our management of player injuries and maintaining a healthy squad will also be crucial, given the boys' high level of commitment and intensity on the field.

The 2025 season was a step forward for our team, and I am grateful for the opportunity to have coached alongside Mr Sparrow, Mr Botha and Mr Zulu. The 10th team's results were a testament to their hard work and dedication. With targeted improvements and a continued focus on teamwork and development, I am confident we will achieve even greater success in the upcoming season.

Regular players:

N Rulumeni, J Wessels, B Barnard, W Strachan, N Dube, S Mbatha, M Murgatroyd, W Malila, S Simamane, D Gunning, V Rulumeni, R Slabberts, T Thompson, O Nala, N Mntungwa, J Maistry, T Baker, D Kleingeld, K Leonard, C Pauw, F Kunene, T Joubert, T Brande, F Erskine, M Miya, L Wassink, J Padayachee, S Gwala, S Douglas, A Mncwango, L Uhlmann, A Sithole, K Phungula, M Cameron, S Deane, B Zote, I Lindeque

Results:

vs Kearsney 7th 36-22, Michaelhouse 9th 12-22, Michaelhouse 9th 48-32, St Charles 5th 15-37, Howick 2nd 48-0, Michaelhouse 9th 26-14, Michaelhouse 9th 5-33

Mr B Mfingwana





U16A

Back row: J-L Hendriks, N Breedt, S Jansen, M Bisset, T Stead, K Lubbe
Third row: D Matthee, J Mbanzaswi, J Shawe, L Vyambwera, L Sibobi
Second row: D Volans, B Dodson, K Ngantweni, M Mogale, B Smith, A Mini
Front row: L Dladla, Mr D Sherriff, R Badenhorst, Mr T Orchard, L van der Merwe, Mr F Maritz, S Maphumulo

The 2025 season for the U16A team was one of significant growth and learning. At this level, players begin to mature and decide what type of rugby players they wish to become, and this group was no exception. Although the team made many mistakes during the season, the boys showed resilience and learned valuable lessons from each setback.

After a demanding pre-season, the coaching staff entered the year with clear ideas about the team's composition and style of play. However, two early defeats quickly forced a rethink. Following the necessary adjustments, the team lost only twice more for the remainder of the season. A noticeable increase in intensity and commitment at training and in matches led to several memorable performances, most notably the impressive Reunion Day victory over a highly rated Kearsney side on Goldstone's. The match reflected the team's fighting spirit, particularly in the second half comeback that secured the win.

There were, however, disappointing moments. Defeats to Diamantveld at Wildeklawer and a draw against Westville, after leading by 24 points early in the second half, were particularly frustrating. One of the highlights of the season was securing the private school triple crown against three confident rivals.

The third term brought added pressure, with victories in at least two of the final three fixtures considered essential. After losing against Affies, the team responded well in crucial matches achieving a hard-fought win over PBHS and a determined victory against Glenwood that ensured a strong end to the season.

The team finished the year with four losses and one draw from seventeen matches, making the season an overall success. Special thanks are extended to Messrs Sheriff and Maritz, as well as to the parents for their unwavering support throughout the season.

Regular players:

A Mini, B Dodson, J Shawe, D Matthee, J Mbanzaswi, M Bisset, N Breedt, T Stead, L van der Merwe, S Jansen, J-L Hendriks, D Volans, K Lubbe, R Badenhorst, S Maphumulo, B Smith, L Dladla, L Sibobi, M Mogale, L Vyambwera, K Ngantweni, L Marcus

Results:

vs DHS 23-25, Northwood 26-45, Glenwood 30-10, PBHS 24-17, St Charles 47-0, Westville 31-31, Kearsney 47-40, Michaelhouse 28-8, Hilton College 47-20, Affies 14-41, PBHS 14-7, Glenwood 38-28

Skonk Nicholson Festival:

vs Zwartkops 68-12, Sentraal 50-19, Centurion 33-24

Wildeklawer Festival:

vs Jeppe 40-22, Diamantveldt 19-22

Mr T Orchard

U16B

Year in and year out the *Soldiers*, as the U16B team are affectionately known, dish up a very particular style of exciting rugby. This year was no different and after initial fixtures against DHS and Northwood (one narrow loss and a win) the team was offered an opportunity to play at the 2025 edition of the Skonk Nicholson Rugby Festival. The players relished the opportunity and played with guts and determination, managing two wins from their three fixtures during the week.

During the regular season, the team went from strength to strength, managing five wins and one draw in the first six matched after the break, the highlight being a drubbing of Michaelhouse at home. Ironically, the return fixture against Michaelhouse turned out to be the low point for this team when a complacent and slightly overconfident team went down against the same opposition. Fortunately, the team managed to pull themselves together to finish the season strong. The season concluded with a respectable three wins from four games, with good away wins at Hilton and Glenwood but a very tough away loss up north to Affies.

The boys are commended for their efforts and commitment to the jersey throughout the year. Led by D Volans and D Mathee, they showed consistent growth as individuals but more importantly as a team. Many of these players were promoted to the U16A team during the season where they all gave good accounts of themselves, displaying the same determination and enthusiasm that have characterised Soldiers rugby throughout the years.

A special word of thanks to coaches Messrs Orchard and Sherriff for their contributions during the 2025 season.

Regular players:

D Volans (captain), D Matthee, S Phungula, K Ngantweni, B Dodson, A Mini, M Bissett, J Burger, M Muggleton, W Todd, C Barnard, T van Staden, L Marcus, B Hadebe, D Fish, M Lennett, N Mohlaoli, M Meyer, L Sibobi, E Gould, K Mthembu, J Dunne, T Bolton

Results:

vs DHS 0-7, Northwood 17-7, Glenwood 15-5, PBHS 13-13, Midlands Select Team 55-7, Michaelhouse 38-5, Kearsney 24-3, Michaelhouse 17-22, Hilton College 36-13, Affies 0-50, PBHS 5-0, Glenwood 24-0

Skonk Nicholson Festival:

vs Westville U16B 12-10, HTS Middelburg 7-21, Duineveld 17-7

Mr F Maritz

U16C

The U16C rugby team enjoyed an outstanding 2025 season, recording 11 victories from their 12 fixtures. Throughout the year, the side demonstrated impressive consistency and composure, repeatedly producing strong performances when it mattered most. Their resilience was evident both in closely contested matches and difficult conditions, with the players consistently responding positively under pressure.

One of the defining characteristics of the season was the team's ability to maintain a high standard of play from beginning to end. Key players regularly made significant contributions, whether through decisive tries, crucial defensive efforts or strong attacking play. The squad worked effectively as a cohesive unit, displaying discipline and organisation both in attack and defence, which made them difficult opponents to overcome. Strong leadership from the captain and senior players also played an important role in the team's achievements, helping to maintain focus, motivation and unity throughout the campaign. The team's only defeat came against an exceptionally strong Affies side.

The U16C rugby team's season reflected the players' hard work, discipline and commitment to one another. Their accomplishments established a solid platform and ensured that this season will be remembered as one of the programme's most successful years.

Regular players:

N Phungula, B Dodson, T Mupfumi, M Mdhuli, A Haasbroek, K de Bruyn, J Vermeulen, K van Aswegen, T Bolton, M Meyer, S Myeza, B Gumede, K Mthembu, S Xolo, L Venter, R Quin, P Ndaba, V Ndaba, U Khan, M Muggleton, J Dunne, M Lennet, M Jansen, M Hadebe, G Adjiei, J Makepeace, E Balmer, J Burger, D Dry, H Kyle, Z Rumbu, E van Aswegen, T Speirs, J White

Results:

vs DHS 14-9, Northwood 25-17, Glenwood 10-5, PBHS 33-5, Asibemunye High U16A 31-10, Michaelhouse 29-5, Kearsney 57-5, Michaelhouse 24-12, Hilton College 50-5, Affies 12-85, PBHS 27-5, Glenwood 40-0

Messrs J McCabe and B Goliath

U16D

The U16D rugby team faced a challenging yet rewarding 2025 season, marked by their ability to adapt and deliver strong performances despite frequent changes to their lineup. With a constantly shifting roster due to injuries, availability and other factors, the team's resilience and consistency shone through as they navigated these challenges to secure the results they needed. Despite the difficulties of playing with a new combination of players each week, the team managed to maintain focus and perform at a high level, demonstrating impressive team spirit and determination.

One of the key highlights of the season was the team's ability to withstand the constant selection changes, showing up with the right mindset no matter the circumstances. This adaptability allowed the squad to remain competitive throughout, ensuring that they could still execute their game plan effectively, even with new faces in the mix.

Although the squad faced its fair share of challenges, they proved time and again that they could rise to the occasion and perform under pressure. Their collective ability to stay focused and play as a cohesive unit was a testament to their growth as a team.

The U16D rugby team's commitment and delivering strong performances week in and week out laid the groundwork for future success.

Regular players:

H Kyle, A Mbatha, K Mthembu, N Ashton, L Powell, J Makepeace, E Balmer, S Nell, E van Aswegen, L Horner, V Ndaba, P Ndaba, T Speirs, M Mqadi, R Quin, M Jansen, J Green, S Sutherland, S Johnson, H Bircher, D Dry, S Robertson, S Xolo, J Moodley, L Ndlovu, J Vermeulen, G Adjiei, K de Bruyn, P Ndaba, N Scheepers, S Msibi, T Haviside, J Maurel, N Saville, F Starling, J White

Results:

vs DHS 19-3, Northwood 24-19, Howick U16A 33-24, PBHS 10-12, St Charles U16B 14-8, Michaelhouse 24-0, Howick U16A 26-12, Kloof U16A 28-0, Hilton College 36-12, Affies 0-60, PBHS 12-19, Glenwood 21-27

Messrs J McCabe and B Goliath



With J Thackwray in support, C Cherayi escapes the grip of a Pretoria Boys High player.

U16E and U16F

The U16E and U16F squads approached the season with enthusiasm, grit, and a strong sense of camaraderie. With no fixed captain or vice-captain, both teams shared leadership responsibilities, giving several boys the opportunity to lead on the field. This approach not only fostered personal growth but also strengthened the collective spirit within the group.

The U16E side faced a challenging fixture list, showing resilience and determination in every match. Highlights of the season included a strong home win against Kearsney, a narrow victory over Glenwood, and an attacking display against Northwood. The team demonstrated steady improvement in both structure and game management as the season progressed. Even in difficult fixtures, they maintained their commitment to the College values and continued to play with passion and pride.

The U16F team enjoyed a competitive and balanced season, producing memorable wins over St Charles, Michaelhouse, and Kearsney. The squad showed growth in tactical awareness, defensive organisation, and set-piece execution. Depth in the playing group allowed for effective rotation, and the players adapted well to various match situations, contributing to a well-rounded and united team performance throughout the season.

Both squads benefitted from the shared leadership model, which encouraged responsibility, teamwork, and mutual support. Across the season, the players showed dedication in training, discipline on match days, and a genuine enjoyment of representing Maritzburg College on the rugby field. The season was marked by commitment, sportsmanship, and development, leaving a strong platform for future years.

Regular players:

U16E and U16F squad:

N Saville, F Starling, W Khumalo, S Mhlongo, M Gcumisa, J Ferguson, R Boshoff, T Haviside, D Lewis, L Xaba, L Phakathi, H Ndwandwa, Y Moodley, B Mshengu, O Ndlovu, N Scheepers, W Collyer, C Stewart, M Volans, A Phakathi, T Taylor, M Mqadi, A Ngubane, S Nell, J Planteau De Maroussem, J Maurel, L Makhoba, M Rawson, B Makhaye, S Hlophe, S Msibi, L Dlamini, S Johnson, Z Rumbu, G Ngcobo, H Flara, N Sithole, A Mkhize, V Nkwanyana, O Zondi, J Baptista, A Ngcobo, E Mchunu, A Mqadi

Results:

U16E team:

vs PBHS 0-54, Affies 0-32, St David's 14-15, Michaelhouse 19-40, Kearsney 19-5, Howick High 22-27, PBHS 19-26, Glenwood 12-10, Northwood 41-12, DHS 29-7

U16F team:

vs PBHS 10-32, St Charles 34-29, Michaelhouse 24-12, Kearsney 19-5, Siyahlomula Secondary 7-27, PBHS 22-10, Haythorne Secondary U16A 12-17, Westville 27-12

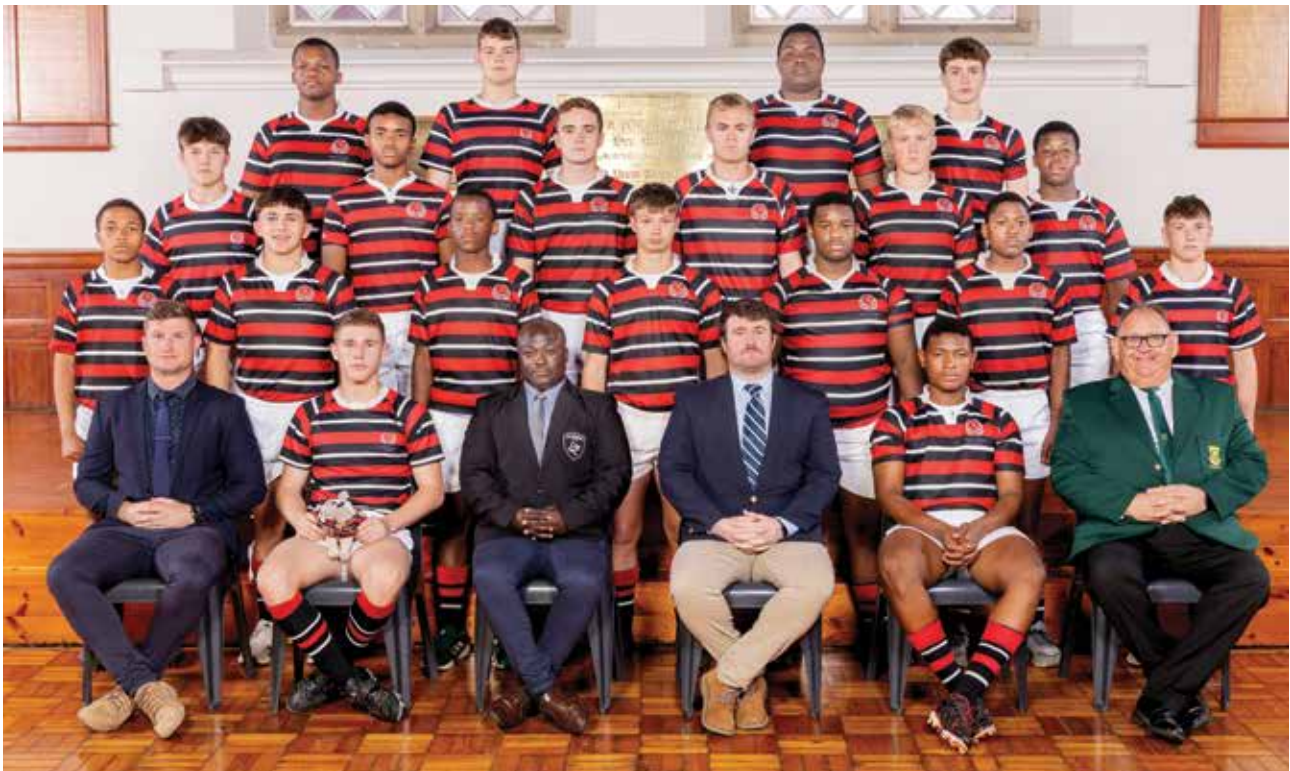
Mr S Eva



A penalty kick from D du Toit against PBHS C Scheepers makes a powerful break on Goldstone's. On Dixon's, J Thackwray takes the game to Glenwood.



Early in the 1st XV game at Glenwood, D Colenbrander scores a five-pointer for the visitors.



U15A

Back row: S Msibi, H Fourie, K Pita, D Swanepoel
Third row: K Bayliss-Lane, B Mkhize, C Cohen, E Carter, J Lindeque, P Jombile
Second row: M Dumisa, J Badenhorst, S Kunene, M Linde, S Buthelezi, Q Kosani, C Barnard
First row: Mr K Elder, C Linley (captain), Mr F Malinga, Mr S Stopford, L Mfekayi, Mr S La Marque

The U15A rugby team enjoyed a season marked by growth, resilience and strong team spirit. Throughout the season, the squad matured significantly. Early challenges, such as inconsistency, structural understanding and discipline were gradually overcome. In attack, the team's strike plays became sharper and more confidently executed, with players increasingly willing to move the ball into spaces. Defence emerged as a major success, with players showing pride in their line speed, tackle technique and resilience under pressure. The set piece also saw notable improvement, with lineouts and scrums providing a reliable platform to launch attacks and apply pressure on opponents.

Leadership played a crucial role in the team's development. Captain C Linley led with positivity and composure, inspiring his teammates through his work rate and example, both in training and on match days. Several players stood out for their consistent performances and contributions: Linley for his leadership, Bezuidenhout for his strength in contact and reliability, Badenhorst for his stability in the set piece and powerful ball carries, Mfekayi for his energy and game-changing efforts, and Linde, who earned provincial Colours.

The coaching staff, led by head coach Mr F Malinga, worked cohesively to develop the squad. Defence coach Mr S Stopford implemented robust defensive structures that gave the team confidence without the ball, while the late-season addition of assistant coach Mr K Elder added valuable technical depth, particularly in defensive principles.

Regular players:

C Linley (captain), A Linde, B Mkhize, C Cohen, C Barnard, D Swanepoel, E Carter, H Fourie, J Fourie, J Badenhorst, J Lindeque, K Pita, K Bayliss-Lane, L Bezuidenhout, L Mfekayi, M Dumisa, P Jombile, Q Kosani, S Msibi, S Kunene, S Buthelezi, S Gumbi, Z Vava

Results:

vs DHS 7-19, Northwood 20-19, Glenwood 26-21, PBHS 15-30, St Charles 22-14, Westville 20-22, Kearsney 15-15, Michaelhouse 15-5, Hilton College 18-12, Affies 8-31, PBHS 10-22, Glenwood 21-14

Skonk Nicholson Festival:

vs Helpmekaar 27-38, Noordheuwel 19-29, Kempton Park 18-5

Wildeklaar Festival:

vs Jeppe 36-31, Diamantveld 12-13

Messrs F Malinga, S Stopford and K Elder

U15B

The U15B team enjoyed a most successful and rewarding season, both on and off the field, consistently upholding the high standards expected of them. They were tested rigorously in every aspect of the game, whether in training sessions or in competitive fixtures, and throughout they demonstrated perseverance and an unwavering commitment to embodying the true College spirit in their pursuit of excellence for themselves and their school.

Under the capable leadership of co-captains C Barnard, D Swanepoel and L Bishop the players applied themselves with admirable dedication. Everyone showed marked improvement both in fitness and skill, while collectively they complemented one another's strengths, placing the needs of the team above personal ambition.

Although the results do not reflect the games' highlights, the quality of play and the growth they displayed were indeed remarkable. Notably, they secured emphatic victories over opponents who had bested them at U14 level, and they concluded the season in style with a resounding triumph over a strong Glenwood side.

The boys never faltered in their determination to refine their abilities at training, embracing the tenacious spirit that has long characterised College men. In doing so, they have set a lofty benchmark for the teams that will

follow. The camaraderie and good humour shared within this group will ensure that the memories of this season endure warmly in the years ahead. We extend our sincere gratitude to the players, whose efforts and character made this campaign so memorable.

Regular players:

A Shandu, B Mkhize, C van der Merwe, C Cohen, C Barnard, D Matundu, D Swanepoel, E Hanekom, H Fourie, J Kyle, J Fourie, J Moore, J Don-Wauchope, K Pita, K Nkwanyana, L Keppler, L Bishop, M Dumisa, N Mthabela, O Makhathini, P Wilson, Q Kosani, R Berner, S Msibi, S Gumbi, Z Apostolides, Z Vava

Results:

vs DHS 7-24, Northwood 10-5, Glenwood 29-7, PBHS 5-16, Ashton U15A 40-0, Michaelhouse 21-23, Kearsney 28-0, Michaelhouse 3-0, Hilton College 24-12, Affies 8-38, PBHS 8-11, Glenwood 31-24

Messrs S La Marque, S Stopford and F Malinga

U15C

The U15C rugby side enjoyed a successful 2025 season, winning ten of their twelve matches. The team's captain and vice-captain were R Francis and A Tonny respectively. The boys lead from the front allowing the team to grow.

This season the goal was to develop as human beings, cultivating the right attitude and skill to play the great game of rugby. The C-team started their season showing their true grit and determination to add value on the field. They unified to play an improved match each weekend. Their hard work at training translated into dominant performances on the field. While injuries crept in during the season, the team stayed committed to fielding the strongest side by being available in different positions of play. A coach's dream is to have players who are coachable and who are willing participants. The eagerness of the players to represent their school on the field each weekend is commendable. The fight in the College 'dog' was evident when times were tough and points were scarce.

The forwards met their match this season and had to work for their glory. The backline had skill, speed and determination to head for spaces and gain valuable ground. The magic boot of Tonny would regularly find its mark and place the team in a good position to play from. The team was tested against Affies who seemed to be a step ahead of the rest. Even in defeat, they showed resilience and a competitive spirit. We are very pleased with the growth experienced within the team and development as well-rounded young men.

Regular players:

R Francis (captain), S Dubazana, K Gouws, S Ntloko, E Langa, O Mostert, C Noordman, N Steyn, S Bhengu, B Brigg, A Tonny, A Magutshwa, Maduna, F Zwane, T Mofokeng, K Dlamini, L Keppler, J Moore, Z Apostolides, D Matundu, N Machwane, J Kyle, O Hlophe, K Nkwanyana, C van der Merwe, N Mthabela, M Nicholson, L Bishop, S Wessels, O Nduli

Results:

vs DHS 15-14, Northwood 6-3, Glenwood 32-5, PBHS 22-10, St Charles U15B 39-0, Michaelhouse 38-17, Kearsney 50-0, Michaelhouse 22-15, Hilton College 43-7, Affies 0-50, PBHS 3-7, Glenwood 50-3

Messrs S Bosch and C Myburgh

U15D

This year was very special for the U15D team. The boys knew the game well and played each match with enjoyment. They were coachable, humble, disciplined and hard-working. We all worked as a team and reaped the rewards of healthy relationships within the team setup. There were many highlights during the year, but perhaps the two stand-outs were the loss to Affies U15E and the victory over Howick U15A. Affies E team were a formidable side, but our D-team matched up physically, fought hard and put a respectable score on the board. Our third encounter against Howick U15A was the series decider as we were tied at 1-1 after two very tight

matches. We had analysed their structures and strengths, prepared well and won the final arm-wrestle to win the series.

Special mentions go to M Barnardo, who captained the team in almost every match and did a great job of innovating while still adhering to instructions, and to O Mostert, our most improved player. It was a memorable year, and I would consider myself privileged to cross paths with these boys as a coach in the future.

Regular players:

C Gouws, S Ntloko, T Stone, M Barnardo, O Mostert, C Noordman, O Murgatroyd, M Ndaba, L Ntuli, E Maduna, J Steyn, K Clark, J Sparrow, M Nicholson, R Wichmann, S Wessels, F Venniker, A Ash, T Mofokeng, O Nduli, M Pauw, Z Myeni, A Magutshwa

Results:

vs DHS 34-10, Northwood 44-12, Howick U15A 15-3, PBHS 45-0, Howick U15A 8-16, Michaelhouse 40-7, Howick U15A 31-0, Michaelhouse 24-17, Curro Hillcrest U15A 38-17, Affies U15E 7-27, PBHS 12-0, Glenwood 55-12

Mr C Myburgh

U15E

The U15E rugby side grew as a team as the season progressed. With improved fitness and with better teamwork being built throughout the season, the boys produced a pleasing set of results. The team composition was fluid with injuries higher up leading to unforeseen team changes. Despite this, the lads showed immense grit and College fire in all their matches and can hold their heads high. We take this opportunity to thank Mr K Anderson for coaching the team this season.

Regular players:

Z Myeni, V Nkomo, U Zweni, T Stone, M Ndaba, K Clarke, J Wright, J Sparrow, C Bowyer, B Gotte, B Church, A Mpofana, A de Lange, C Reitz, R Wichmann, S Maziko, C Craig, O Murgatroyd, R Myburg, S Dlomo, Z Ntuli, S Mkhize, A Ntombela, C Mackay-Leslie, L Ntombela

Results:

vs DHS 63-0, Northwood 27-5, Glenwood 15-5, PBHS 15-17, Weston U15A 10-21, Carter U15A 50-19, Michaelhouse U15D 7-0, Hilton College U15D 50-0, Affies U15F 6-36, PBHS 32-0

Messrs J Tyler and K Anderson

U15F

The mighty U15F team took to the field in every encounter as though they were playing for the 1st XV. The pride, enthusiasm and courage shown when wearing the Red, Black and White was a pleasure to observe. The season saw some incredible courage shown by our boys. Special mention must be made of T Mfayela for his gutsy performance against St David's, and E Smith for courage and commitment shown throughout the season. It was a privilege to watch this team pull together and play for each other.

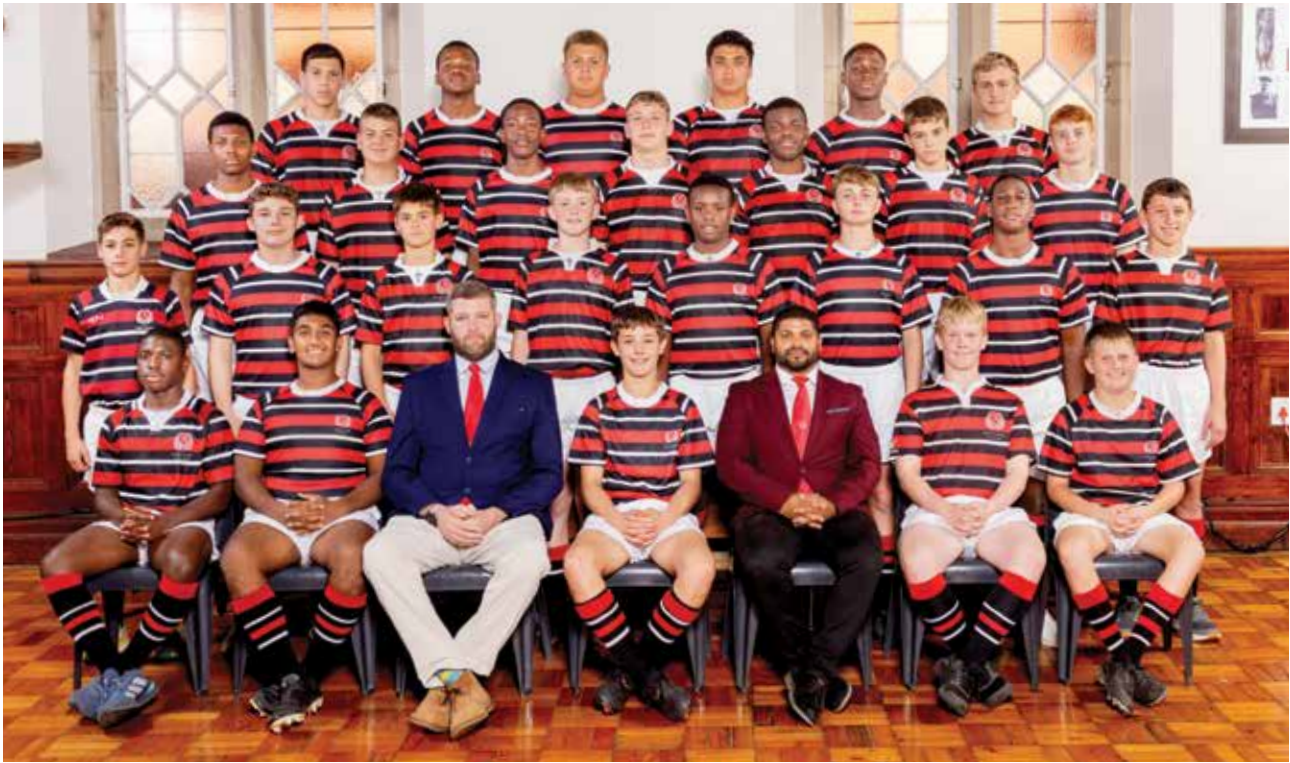
Regular players:

A de Lange, B Williams, C Adonis, C Craig, E Smith, K Ncanana, L Khumalo, M Mayekiso, N Drewett, S Mshengu, S Mkhize, S Ntuli, S Ndlovu, T Mfayela, Z Ntuli, S Dlomo, Z Singh, S Maziko, J Wright, B Gumede, B Church, B Gotte, E Hunter, E Dubois, M van der Merwe, R Coetsee, U Zweni

Results:

vs Westville U15E 7-21, Linpark U15A 10-46, Glenwood U15E 46-5, PBHS 22-12, Michaelhouse U15E 19-40, Michaelhouse U15E 43-7, Westville 17-17, Michaelhouse U15E 19-12, St David's U15D 7-26, PBHS 24-21

Messrs J Tyler and K Anderson



U14A

Back row: H Harding, H Ntongana, K Kappes, L Bottcher, J Kanyinda, W Rossouw
Third row: M Lujabe, B Fourie, S Buthelezi, R Slade, A Thela, D van der Merwe, C Stubbe
Second row: P van Staden, J Venter, B Apostolides, M Carbutt, L Ngake, J van der Westhuizen, K Mpundu, S Volans
Front row: N Yobo, K Ramsamy, Mr W du Plessis, W Badenhorst (captain), Mr M Morolong, L Gibson, C Rees

The U14A rugby team enjoyed a successful season playing 17 matches. They won 12, lost four and drew one match.

The team was captained by W Badenhorst who played the pivotal role of fly half. The vice-captain was the strong ball-carrying K Kappes who played tight head prop for the season.

After pre-season and the trials, the boys were ready to take the field against a strong DHS outfit. We started the game on the back foot and only found our rhythm in the second half once the team gelled.

A highlight of the season must be the victory over Monument High as they were ranked a top five team in South Africa. Another highlight for the boys was attending the prestigious Wildeklawer 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 College, Glenwood, Westville, Kearsney and St Charles. The results at the end of the season have shown just how much these young men have grown as a team. Special mention is made of J Kanyinda who scored 31 tries in the season. They also were undefeated in KwaZulu-Natal. This is a special achievement as this was the first time in eight years.

Regular players:

W Badenhorst (captain), K Ramsamy, L Gibson, B Fourie, K Kappes, L Bottcher, H Ntongana, N Yobo, A Thela, H Harding, D van der Merwe, J Venter, K Mpundu, J van der Westhuizen, B Apostolides, C Stubbe, R Slade, J Kanyinda, P van Staden, M Carbutt, S Buthelezi, L Ngake, C Rees, M Lujabe

Results:

vs DHS 22-5, Northwood 26-12, Glenwood 29-15, PBHS 24-24, St Charles 38-0, Westville 25-10, Kearsney 50-7, Michaelhouse 34-7, Hilton College 32-10, Affies 10-49, PBHS 18-25, Glenwood 43-14

Skonk Nicholson Festival:
vs Zwartkop 40-0, Centurion 71-0, Monument 33-12

Wildeklawer Festival:
vs Jeppe 14-29, Diamantveld 22-24

Messrs W du Plessis, M Morolong and C Luman



U14A captain, W Badenhorst, leads the charge to the St Charles goal line.

U14B

The U14B rugby team had a successful season. The boys started off slowly with a tough loss to DHS, but quickly found their stride, putting together a string of dominant performances against schools like Northwood, Glenwood, Michaelhouse and Kearsney. The draw against PBHS and the loss to Affies were hard-fought games that tested the team’s character and resilience.

Throughout the season, the squad faced its fair share of challenges, including injuries, player rotation and some tough opposition, but these moments became opportunities for growth. It was especially encouraging to see how much the boys developed, both individually and as a team. Several players stepped up from the C team when needed and made meaningful contributions, showing the depth and potential in the age group. A huge thank you to the parents for their incredible support. Their involvement made a real difference and helped to create a positive environment. It was a season to be proud of, and the future looks bright for this group.

Regular players:

A Kyle, A Thela, A Ngake, B Apostolides, B Fourie, B Langa, C Rees, D van der Merwe, H Harding, J Yobo, J Venter, K Mpundu, K Bukus, L Gibson, L Bunge, L Olivier, M Carbutt, R Potgieter, S Volans, S Buthelezi, T van Staden, Z Mthembu

Results:

vs DHS 0-17, Northwood 36-0, Glenwood 40-0, PBHS 19-19, Linpark U14A 55-5, Michaelhouse 31-5, Kearsney 42-0, Michaelhouse 19-12, Hilton College 33-19, Affies 21-49, PBHS 29-17, Glenwood 56-14

Mr C Jones

U14C

The U14C rugby side enjoyed a successful 2025 season, winning ten of their twelve matches. Under the steady leadership of captain J Keppler, the team showed unity, discipline and a strong commitment to improvement. Their hard work at training translated into dominant performances on the field. Playing an attacking brand of rugby, the backline impressed with pace and creativity, while the forwards provided a solid platform through committed defence and strong set pieces. Highlights included emphatic victories over Glenwood, Kearsney and Michaelhouse, with the team’s skill and structure on full display. Even in defeat, they showed resilience and a competitive spirit.

Consistent contributions came from across the squad, with every player playing an important role in the season’s success. Their energy, camaraderie and sportsmanship promise much for the future.

Regular players:

J Keppler (captain), A Ngubane, B Erasmus, C de Kramer, C Mpangeva, D Duckham, D Moyo, J Todd, K Msomi, K Bukus, L Armstrong, L Bunge, L Jali, L Nxaba, L Buthelezi, M Govindsamy, R Baird, U Xaba

Results:

vs DHS 7-15, Northwood 29-12, Glenwood 50-0, PBHS 33-5, St Charles U14B 39-3, Michaelhouse 45-0, Kearsney 50-0, Michaelhouse 52-3, Linpark U14A 24-14, Affies 0-50, PBHS 21-12, Glenwood 38-0

Messrs L Smorfitt and W Greyling

U14D

The U14D rugby side enjoyed an excellent 2025 season, recording ten wins from twelve matches. Led by captain A Volans, the team developed strong cohesion and a competitive edge, showing consistent commitment both in training and matches. Their determination and teamwork laid the foundation for a series of dominant performances. The team’s attacking play was a highlight, with the backline combining speed and skill, while the forwards provided strength and stability at the breakdown and in defence. Notable results included emphatic wins over Northwood, Hilton College

and Michaelhouse, when the team’s structure and discipline shone through. Even in their two defeats, the players displayed resilience and fighting spirit. Contributions came from across the squad, with every player playing their part in the team’s success. The camaraderie, energy and sportsmanship shown by this group bode well for the years ahead.

Regular players:

A Volans (captain), B Jackson, C de Kramer, C Grantham, C Tyler, C van Zuydam, C Drake, D Dodson, G Eaglestone, J van der Merwe, C Kewley, J van Rensburg, K Vermeulen, K Miles, L Mitchell, L Hulley, L Ngubo, M Houart, O Ngubane, SF Watts, S Madlala, S Makhaye

Results:

vs DHS 12-14, Northwood 55-0, Howick U14A 34-5, PBHS 22 -5, Howick U14A 25-0, Michaelhouse 53-0, Howick U14A 30-12, Michaelhouse 59-17, Hilton College U14C 44-0, Affies U14E 5-42, PBHS 29-12, Glenwood 19-7

Messrs L Smorfitt and W Greyling

U14E

The U14E team had a season of growth, determination and real progress. Led by co-captains, L Modise and M Hechter, the boys showed strong leadership and unity throughout. They pushed each other to improve every week and represented College with pride.

The season began with a few narrow losses that tested the team’s spirit but rather than giving up, the boys dug deep and kept working. Their hard work paid off with a memorable win in Pretoria when Hechter calmly slotted a last-minute penalty to seal a dramatic win against the Boys High U14D side. That match ignited the team’s confidence and belief. They put the team first, supported one another and showed the heart of the ‘College dog’.

Regular players:

L Modise (co-captain), M Hechter (co-captain), N Maluleke, L Dlomo, J Janse van Rensburg, A Mabaso, L Mitchell, L Reddy, S Madlala, S Goliath, M Vava, B Clark, H Zondi, O Ngubane, C Kewley, T Foster, T Mahlangueni, B Ngwenya, S Wepener, Z Chili, L Grantham

Results:

vs DHS 31-33, PBHS 12-7, Northwood 41-12, Glenwood U14D 19-28, PBHS U14D 17-14, Weston U14A 21-12, Linpark U14A 0-40, Michaelhouse U14D 48-7, St David’s U14D 50-0, Affies 5-47, PBHS 42-28

Mr A Mfeka

U14F

The U14F team showed tremendous spirit and commitment throughout a season filled with challenges and growth. Often matched against higher-ranked opposition, including A, D, and E teams from other schools, the boys never backed down from a contest. Their resilience and willingness to compete at a higher level was a testament to their character and pride in wearing the College badge.

A highlight for the team was their commanding victory over Westville, where their attacking flair and teamwork were on full display. Despite being a constantly evolving squad, the players approached every fixture with enthusiasm, discipline and a deep love for the game.

More than just results, the season was defined by a keen attitude and an unwavering commitment to the College rugby ethos.

Regular players:

A Mabaso, B Clark, B Stegen, F Radebe, H Zondi, J Green, K Mbanjwa, L Grantham, L Reddy, L Dlomo, L Ntozakhe, L Shange, L Dlamini, M Nzama, M Vava, Q Mkhize, T Dlamini, T Foster, U Nzimande, W Mbongwa, Y Mkhize, Z Chili

Results:

vs Westville U14E 12-36, Linpark U14A 5-36, Glenwood U14E 5-14, PBHS 10-7, Michaelhouse U14D 0-24, Michaelhouse U14E 14-33, Westville 56-29, Michaelhouse U14E 48-5, PBHS 26-12

Messrs S Ndlela and A Mfeka

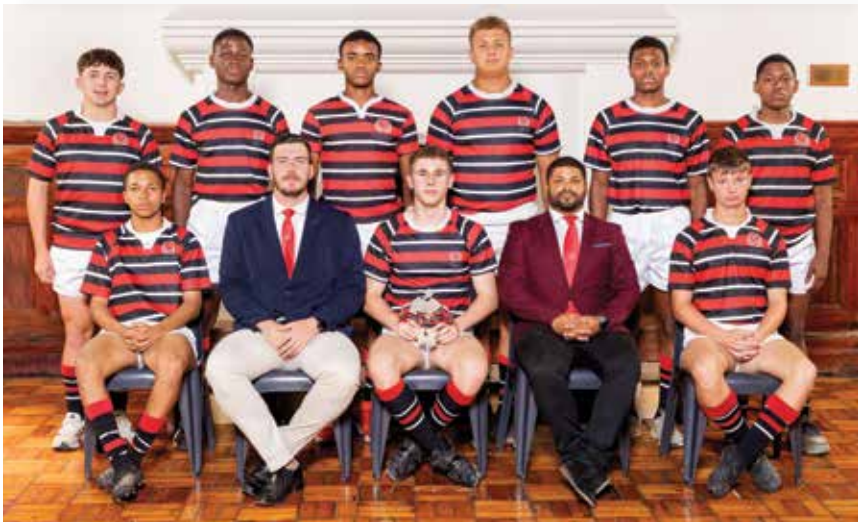


U17 Team

The U17 Sevens squad produced a season that reflected resilience, growth and the warrior spirit that defines College rugby. Across three demanding tournaments, the boys displayed grit, flair and a collective determination to rise together, embodying the values of trust, sacrifice and loyalty in every fixture.

One of the hallmarks of this group was their ability to respond to setbacks with courage. Whether regrouping after a tough defeat or seizing momentum in commanding victories, they consistently displayed composure and unity. Their campaign included emphatic wins such as the triumph over Howick and the victory against Glenwood, alongside narrow losses that only strengthened their resolve. Each performance revealed not only their attacking rhythm and defensive commitment, but also their growing cohesion as a team.

A defining feature of the season was the players’ development as young men. They learned to embrace the grind, face challenges with courage and play for something greater than themselves. Hosting our own tournament at Maritzburg College was a proud moment, when their sportsmanship and discipline shone both on and off the field. The camaraderie within



Rugby 7s U17

Back row:

B Smith, S Xaba, O Kosani, C Scheepers, L Tsoko

Second row:

S Hadebe, L Kosani, A Cahill, Z Canham

Front row:

Mr M Kritzinger, T Boshoff, Mr J Taljaard, C Sweetnam, Mr H Horn

Absent:

D Abrahams, M Harris, M Pretorius, S Jansen, T Stead, K Ngantweni, L Dladla, M Hadebe

the group ensured that this campaign will be remembered not only for its results, but also for the bonds forged and the lessons learned about resilience and character.

Regular players:

B Smith, S Xaba, O Kosani, C Scheepers, L Tsoko, S Hadebe, L Kosani, A Cahill, Z Canham, T Boshoff, C Sweetnam, D Abrahams, M Harris, M Pretorius, S Jansen, T Stead, K Ngantweni, L Dladla, M Hadebe

Results:

Glenwood Tournament:

vs Glenwood 24-42, Michaelhouse 2nd 43-12, Westville (Cup QF) 0-22, Northwood 2nd (Plate SF) 26-19, Hilton College (Plate Final) 14-20

DHS Tournament:

vs Westville 2nd 12-7, Glenwood 31-7, DHS (Cup QF) 0-42, Michaelhouse (Plate SF) 12-19

Nashua Midlands 7s:

vs St Charles 17-20, Westville 5-19, Howick 61-0, DHS 19-5

Messrs J Taljaard, M Kritzinger, H Horn

Rugby 7s U15

Back row:

J Badenhorst, J Kanyinda, B Mkhize, K Kappes, M Lujabe, Q Kosani

Front row:

M Dumisa, Mr H Horn, C Linley (captain), Mr M Morolong, A Linde (vice-captain)

Absent: C Cohen, J Lindeque, R Slade, C Stubbe, Mr S Botha



The DHS tournament was fiercely contested and displayed the depth within our programme as we entered both our first and second U15 teams. The U15 2 battled through the pool stages and reached the Cup quarter-final before being knocked out by DHS 1. Their performance showed promising development and growing confidence. The College U15 1st team again faced early pressure, losing their opening game to Glenwood. They responded with determination, defeating DHS 2 to regain momentum and then beating Pioneer in the quarter-final and Northwood in the semi-final. For the second tournament in a row, we met DHS in the final and pushed them throughout, eventually losing narrowly in a high-intensity match.

On home soil at the Nashua 7s, the boys delivered their most consistent group-stage performance of the season, winning all matches, including a strong opening victory over St Charles. The team showed excellent structure, energy and confidence leading into the final. However, two key injuries and a yellow card shifted the momentum late in the match, and St Charles edged the win despite us controlling most of the game.

Although we were unable to convert our final appearances into silverware, the season highlighted the squad's character, depth and willingness to fight in pressure moments. Reaching three finals from three tournaments is a significant achievement and a rewarding masterclass in resilience, especially around discipline, closing out matches and managing key moments. The boys represented College with pride, commitment and unity throughout, laying a strong foundation for future success in our Sevens programme.

Regular players:

U15 1: C Linley (co-captain), A Linde (co-captain), M Lujabe, J Kanyinda, D Mothepu, J Badenhorst, R Slade, B Mkhize, Q Kosani, L Bezuidenhout, K Kappes, L Mfekayi, C Cohen, K Bayliss-Lane

U15 2: H Fourie, P Jombile, C Stubbe, C Rees, K Ramsamy, N Mthabela, J Yobo, W Badenhorst, D Swanepoel, K Nkonyana, E Carter, W Kyle, J Lindeque

Results:

Glenwood Tournament:

vs Hilton College 5-22, Westville 2 24-5, Westville 1 (QF) 22-7, Hilton College (SF) 21-10, DHS (Final) 12-33

DHS Tournament:

MC U15 1:

vs Glenwood 19-24, DHS 2 10-5, Hoërskool Pioneer (QF) 35-12, Northwood (SF) 40-7, DHS (Final) 19-29

MC U15 2:

vs Northwood 2 31-12, Westville 1 7-43, DHS 1 (cup quarter-final) 0-29, Sarel Cilliers (plate semi-final) 19-26

Nashua Midlands 7s:

vs St Charles 14-7, Westville 22-17, Howick 45-0, Estcourt 33-7, St Charles (final) 12-17

Messrs M Morolong, S Botha, H Horn



Playing U14A 15-man rugby, R Slade lands a five-pointer at Hilton College.



RUGBY REFEREES

From left: Mr S Ndlela, P Elliot, Mr N Zulu, T Kruger, K Phungula, Mr A Mfeka
Absent: AD van Wyk, E Bester, L Gibson, C Bowyer

The Maritzburg College Rugby Referee Society again enjoyed a highly successful season, underpinned by commitment, growth and an intake of new referees. Boys officiated with confidence and pride, showing discipline, reliability and a clear desire to improve. The ongoing support of the KZN Midlands Referees Society, adding real value through workshops, training sessions and mentorship opportunities strengthened knowledge of the laws, decision-making and on-field communication. As a result, fixtures at College and beyond were managed efficiently and professionally throughout the season. We had two junior recruits who showed encouraging interest in joining the society, bringing energy and helping to secure the future of the programme.

The strength of the society was evident in the range of pupils appointed to referee higher-level matches. A number of boys received appointments from the KZN Midlands Rugby Referee Society, being recognised for their composure and consistency. Many officiated multiple games in a weekend, often travelling significant distances. Particularly commendable was how playing members balanced their own matches with refereeing duties, with some boys playing high level rugby and offering to contribute to refereeing too.

College referees controlled close to a hundred matches across a range of age groups and competitions. Games were handled with fairness and respect, earning them positive feedback from players and coaches. Alongside technical development, the boys grew in confidence and learned to manage pressure with maturity.

The season reflected steady improvement and consistently high standards. The society can look back with pride on the commitment of its members and another successful year of College refereeing.

Regular players:

P Elliot, K Phungula, AD van Wyk, E Bester, T Kruger, L Gibson, C Bowyer
Mr S Stopford



Shooting: Seniors

Back row:
P Khumalo

Middle row:
W van Dyk, D Moodley, N Naidoo, W Parker

Front row:
S Raju, Mr G Govindasamy, M Naidoo (captain), Ms A Dasrathlal, E Hunter-Smith

Absent: C Dickason

The 2025 season has been an exceptionally busy and rewarding year for our shooting team. While our boys primarily compete in the SAARA KZN Schools League and the KZN Open Competition, it is encouraging to see their growing enthusiasm for participating in events beyond our province. Their performances at these competitions have been commendable and have contributed to increased participation and a stronger competitive spirit among our College shooters.

Our senior shooters have led from the front, consistently producing impressive scores and displaying outstanding discipline. M Naidoo, our team captain, was awarded school Honours for shooting. He also earned his KZN Colours and represented the province at the South African Championships. As captain, he has been exemplary, his leadership, dedication and consistently high scores have made a significant impact on the team. His commitment to elevating the sport within College has been admirable.

N Naidoo was also awarded Honours for shooting. He earned his KZN Colours and was a member of the provincial team that competed at the South African Championships.

At College's annual Sports and Cultural Awards Ceremony, M Naidoo was recognised as the Most Consistent Shooter, while N Naidoo received awards for Best Shottist in the Standing Position and Overall Best Shottist, reflecting his unwavering dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year.

Junior shooter, T Marwick, was awarded Most Promising Junior Shottist, a testament to his potential and hard work.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Mrs Dasrathlal, Mr Naidoo and Mr Pillay for their invaluable coaching and guidance throughout the year. Heartfelt thanks also to our parents, whose continuous support and willingness to make personal sacrifices ensures that our boys are able to compete and excel. College deeply values their commitment, which plays an essential role in the growth and success of the sport.

We look forward to the coming year with great optimism and anticipation of even greater achievements.

Regular players:

Seniors:

M Naidoo (captain), P Khumalo, W van Dyk, D Moodley, N Naidoo, W Parker, S Raju, E Hunter-Smith, C Dickason

Juniors:

R Swanepoel, N Mitchell, A Hodge, L Mitchell, M Aboobaker, S Girdhary, T Marwick, C Barnard, A Singh

Mr G Govindasamy





1st Team

Back row: N Ngcemu, T Katz, O Makhathini, K Minnie
Second row: A Sibisi, S Sibiya, B Parak, A Makhaye, S Msomi, S Dzanibe
Front row: E Mchunu, C Sukraj (captain), Mr N Haswell, M Qasha, S Magutshwa

Overview from the Director

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 fixtures. We were proud to have 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.

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

District and Provincial selections:

- PMB District U19: C Sukraj, M Qasha, S Dzanibe, B Parak, T Myeni, W Zondi, S Sibiya, A Makhaye, A Ngcemu
- PMB District U16: Z Duma, S Magutshwa, SS Msomi
- PMB District U15: K Minnie, O Makhathini
- KZN U16: Z Duma, S Magutshwa, SS Msomi
- KZN U15: K Minnie, O Makhathini
- KZN U19 Head Coach: Mr N Haswell
- KZN U15 Head Coach: Mr C Garaba

Mr N Haswell

1st Team

The 2025 season was a landmark year for Maritzburg College's 1st XI, defined by strong leadership, a clear identity and a values-driven culture. Captain C Sukraj led with composure and resilience, delivering crucial saves in high-pressure moments. Vice-captains, M Qasha and M Momple, were also instrumental in the team's success.

The team embraced a philosophy of possession-based football with high energy, guided by the motto: 'Train like you have never won and play like you have never lost'. This mindset fostered humility, hunger and relentless improvement. Training emphasised intensity, accountability and cohesion, while younger players integrated seamlessly, ensuring both present competitiveness and future strength.

Key achievements included:

- Inland League Champions: undefeated in 7 matches, 2-0 final win over Carter High
- Kloof National Tournament: historic Plate victory, including a 6-1 final win and a dramatic semi-final comeback
- Primo Big 10: quarter final finish after a 5-0 win over Glenwood
- Jody Momple Cup: finalists, losing on penalties to Michaelhouse

Special credit goes to the coaching team led by Mr N Haswell (director of soccer) and Master-in-charge of soccer Mr M Dibben, for instilling a winning culture, and to Miss Z Zweni for strength and conditioning excellence.

The season was more than trophies, it built a culture of hard work, humility and tactical intelligence. The team remains committed to its philosophy: developing better players by developing better people.



The captain, C Sukraj, returns the ball after a goal attempt by Northwood.

Player Critique:

C Sukraj (captain, goalkeeper, Honours): He led the team with humility and countless exceptional performances. An exceptional shot-stopper, particularly from penalties. He has played for the 1st XI for three years.

M Momple (Honours): A technically gifted midfielder who contributed to the team's successes with outstanding vision and passing ability. He scored numerous spectacular and crucial goals. He played for the 1st XI for three years.

M Qasha (Honours): The team's goalscorer-in-chief. He scored over 100 goals for the 1st XI throughout his years as the team's centre-forward. He played for the 1st XI for four years.

T Hlophe (Large White Badge): A defender with exceptional ability and composure, he possesses immense talent. He played for the 1st XI for three years.

S Dzanibe (Colours): An outstanding performer for the 1st XI at left back with exceptional stamina and crossing ability.

B Parak (Colours): An uncompromising centre back, he was the rock of the 1st XI defence.

T Myeni (Colours): A true midfield general. Possesses exceptional composure and passing ability. He played for the 1st XI for three years.

W Zondi (Colours): A midfield workhorse with exceptional discipline, stamina and work-rate. He played for the 1st XI for three years.

S Sibiya (Colours): A clever, unpredictable winger whose dribbling at speed created numerous goals for the 1st XI.

SS Msomi: A solid central defender who improved immensely during the season.

L Mkhize: A pacey winger who loves running at opposition defenders. He created numerous opportunities with his attacking endeavours.

A Makhaye (Colours): An attacking midfielder with great technical ability and flair.

S Magutshwa: A technically gifted midfielder who shows great promise for the future.

SM Msomi: A physically strong centre back with exceptional commitment and promise.

Z Duma: A skilful attacker who drifts past defenders with ease, he has great potential.

A Sibisi: An enthusiastic goalkeeper who improved immensely throughout the year.

N Ngcemu (Large White Badge): A physically strong attacker who scored some crucial goals for the 1st XI.

A Mkhize: A versatile midfielder who improved greatly throughout the year.

K Minnie: The youngster of the group who more than proved his worth throughout the year, he has immense potential.

O Makhathini: Another youngster with exceptional talent, he became a crucial member of the 1st XI's defence with some outstanding performances.



L Mkhize charges down the wing against St Charles.

Results:

Wildeklawer Tournament:

vs Jeppe 3-1, Navalsig High 0-1, Border Schools 1-1, Grey College 0-3

2nd Term League:

vs Alex High 4-2, Ixopo 3-1, Edendale 1-0, Newton 3-0, Linpark 3-0, Haythorne 1-1, Carter High (final) 2-0

Kloof Tournament:

vs Amanzimtoti 1-0, Mondeor 5-0, Birdwood Secondary 1-0, Carter High 1-2, Umvuzo Secondary 2-0, Nilgiri Secondary 2-2 (won 3-1 on penalties), New Forest (plate final) 6-1

Third Term:

vs Hillcrest 3-0, Alex High 3-1, Howick 3-2, Westville 2-2, St Charles 0-1, Hilton College 2-1, DHS (Raw Cup) 2-3

KZN Big 10:

vs Northwood 1-1, DHS 0-1, Glenwood 5-0, Northwood (quarter-final) 0-0 (lost 6-7 on penalties)

PMB Midlands Jody Momple Cup:

vs Nomaswazi 2-1, Howick 2-0, MCS 4-0, Hilton College (semi-final) 0-0 (won 5-4 on penalties), Michaelhouse (final) 0-0 (lost 3-4 on penalties)

Cowie Cup:

vs Curro Salt Rock 15-0 Brettonwood (quarter-final) 5-2, Northwood (semi-final) 1-2

Mr C Garaba

2nd Team

The 2nd team had a fairly good season and we had our days when we did well. The players were committed and had great energy which made them keen to attend practices and play all matches. Their understanding of the game was an advantage to the chemistry of the team. The atmosphere was rather a pleasant one as everyone wanted what was best for the team, which showed maturity and respect amongst the players.

Even though the season was not entirely successful, the boys played with heart and determination. We played 16 games altogether, winning nine games, losing five and drawing two games. The potential and growth of the team was proven when most of the boys had a run for the 1st team, as this showed that they had improved as players. It was a great pleasure working with these lads and that made the season enjoyable. I wish them well in their journey as footballers and may they keep the composure and maturity they have adopted and take it to greater heights.

Regular players:

K Peter, S Sibisi, A Mlaba, A Ndlela, O Radebe, T Katz, M Chetty, T Qhobosheane, L Ndwane, T Lekhobo, A Mkhize, L Mkhize, L Mgojo, S Mkhize, K Mchunu, S Mchunu, T Maduna, P Khetsi, T Chikowero, A Msebe

Results:

vs Northbury 1-1, MCS 2-1, Heritage 2-0, Riverwood 1-2, ML Sultan 2-3, Alex High B 2-0, Thornhill 1-0, Hillcrest 2-2, Alex High 2-0, Howick 7-0, Westville 2-1, DHS 0-1, Glenwood 0-1, St Charles 1-0, Northwood 2-0, Hilton College 0-1

Mr K Zakwe

3rd Team

The highly anticipated soccer season provided an exciting opportunity for players to develop skills, build team cohesion, compete fiercely and enjoy the beautiful game. The season included regular matches against our fierce school rivalries, culminating in a competitive environment that fostered sportsmanship.

The team epitomised the core values of Maritzburg College, respect, courage and discipline on show, representing themselves well. The season concluded on a high note, celebrating player achievements and teamwork. Overall, the season was a success, and we look forward to more.

Regular players:

R Mustard, S Nhlapho, P Ngobese, H Basson, C Joubert, O Zuma, K Shezi, K Mchunu, J Pay, P Gumede, S Zondi, K Dude, E Sobwe, H Maluleke, S Khoza, K Theletsane

Results:

vs Glenwood 1-3, St Charles 0-1, DHS 9-0, Northwood 3-1, Hilton College 1-1

Mr S Ndlela

4th Team

The 4th team had a highly successful and memorable season, finishing with an outstanding record of just one loss. From the start, this group of players came together not only with skill, but with the willingness to work as a unit, support each other and grow collectively. Their impressive performance is a result of dedication in training, strategic discipline on the field and the kind of teamwork that any coach or school would be proud to see.

Regular players:

C Siyongwana, M Shabalala, N Ngcobo, O Ntombela, F Thabethe, Z Tsabedze, H Mdabe, L Motha, S Khoza, L Dlamini, E Mabanga

Results:

vs Glenwood 4-1, St Charles 3-0, DHS 0-1, Northwood 1-0, Hilton College 4- 2

Miss L Mkhize

5th Team

The excitement within the team of representing their school provided enthusiasm for the boys to give of their best against formidable opposition. The lads enjoyed playing together and set an acceptable standard of play. My goal as coach was to help them to develop their skills and improve the standard of play. The captain, E Dlamini, always led by example, driving the team forward from midfield. It was pleasing to note that in all our games we fought until the end and we finished the season unbeaten.

Regular players:

E Dlamini (captain), A Hadebe, C Cherayi, E Bester, M Gwala, M Borchers, A Tilbury, K Jenkins, K Dedekind, A Khwela, R van der Vliet, R Venter, S Douglas, J Haug-Lyons

Results:

vs Glenwood 11-1, St Charles 6-1, DHS 7-2, Northwood 3-1, Hilton College 1-1

Mr H Ntenezi



Holding midfielder, W Zondi, looks to find a team-mate.



U16A

Back row: M Modi, S Mthembu

Third row: S Mtetwa, A Mlaba, A Dlamini, K Peter, S September

Second row: M Nkwatsi, K Mthembu, Y Maharaj, S Msomi, E Mchunu, S Hloba

Front row: S Magutshwa, J Jingela, Mr N Haswell, S Ndlovu (captain), L Mbewu

The U16A team had a challenging yet promising year. In the second term the team played in the newly formed U19C League and although results were mixed, there were notable moments of improvement and resilience, particularly toward the end of the season.

While the overall performance reflected potential, it was evident that greater consistency, focus and commitment could have led to better results. The final two fixtures were both impressive victories that clearly demonstrated what the team is capable of when playing with determination and unity.

Regular players:

S Ndlovu (captain), A Mlaba, K Peter, S Hloba, S September, S Chili, A Mqadi, J Jingela, L Mbewu, S Mthembu, M Nkwatsi, A Dlamini, N Phungula, S Mtetwa, S Magutshwa, U Zuma, M Modi, K Mthembu, Y Maharaj, S Msomi, E Mchunu

Results:

vs Umvuzo U19 0-1, Newton U16B 1-1, Michaelhouse U19 0-2, Umvuzo U19 0-4, Newton U16B 4-2, Michaelhouse U19 1-0, Glenwood 2-0, St Charles 1-2, DHS 1-0, Northwood 1-0, Hilton College 4-1

Messrs S Soorju and P Khuzwayo

U16B

The team showed consistency, resilience and strong defensive organisation throughout the series of matches. While opportunities to convert chances into goals were occasionally missed, the overall standard of play was encouraging and demonstrated excellent teamwork and spirit.

Despite facing strong opposition, the side displayed discipline, teamwork and determination. The players' commitment to improving with each game and their ability to compete at a high level are commendable. The team can take pride in its balanced record and the strong foundation it has built for future success.

Special recognition goes to U Zweni, S Maphumulo and captain B Zakwe for their outstanding contributions, which exemplified the spirit and standards of Maritzburg College.

Regular players:

B Zakwe (captain), A Mlaba, S Maphumulo, L Venter, U Zondo, H Flara, S Chili, U Zweni, S Shelembe, A Shabangu, L Vilakazi, A Ndadane, M Khumalo, H Viljoen, Z Ndlovu, M Gcumisa, L Shabangu, A Mncwango

Results:

vs Glenwood 1-0, St Charles 1-1, DHS 0-1, Northwood 1-1, Hilton College 0-0

Mr S Soorju

U16C

The U16C soccer team enjoyed a very good season filled with growth, teamwork and strong performances. The players showed consistent improvement in their skills, co-ordination and game awareness which led to fluid play and well-executed team strategies. Their commitment at training translated into disciplined and determined displays on the field. The team played with spirit and a positive attitude, reflecting excellent sportsmanship throughout the season.

Several matches were won through hard work, resilience and teamwork. Defensively, the side remained solid, while in attack they created many scoring opportunities. The squad's unity and support for one another stood out, both on and off the field. Overall, the U16C team can be proud of their season, as their hard work and dedication produced excellent results.

Regular players:

L Xaba, N Saville, H Flara, M Gumede, L Gamede, T Marimuthu, J Moodley, S Madlala, L Vyambwera, M Mogale, L Ngxekisa, E Xaba, D Davies, L Khumalo, S Kunene

Results:

vs Glenwood 2-1, St Charles 5-1, DHS 1-1, Northwood 3-0, Hilton College 2-0

Mr A Budhoo

U16D

The U16D soccer team displayed exceptional enthusiasm and dedication throughout the season, working hard both on the field and in training. With a solid record of five games played and just one loss, the team have shown they are capable of competing at a high level. Their positive attitude and strong work ethic resulted in improved performances with each match played.

Led by the dedicated leadership of B Mnguni and M Nzama, the team demonstrated resilience and commitment. Both captains were key players on the field, motivating their teammates and ensuring everyone stayed focused and driven.

The toughest challenge came during their match against Northwood, when the team faced a strong opponent. Despite their best efforts, Northwood proved difficult to break down. However, in a memorable performance

against St Charles, our striker, M Nzama, scored an impressive four goals in a single match, displaying individual brilliance and offensive strength.

Although the team faced some tough moments, the season was a positive one. The squad developed in skill, teamwork and confidence, and with continued hard work, they are sure to achieve even greater success in the future.

Regular players:

B Mnguni (captain) M Nzama (vice-captain), B Mahaye, S Gabuza, A Tonny, O Gengan, O Mhlanga, K Khawula, S Zama, R Pillay, B Govender, R Pillay, O Mdekazi, K de Bruyn, L Sithole

Results:

vs Glenwood 5-1, St Charles 6-0, DHS 3-1, Northwood 0-4, Hilton College 1-0

Mr M Ngcobo



U15A

Back row: S Biyela, R Heslop, K Tshabalala, A Mchunu
Second row: K Sukraj, S Kunene, S Gumbi, S Mhlongo, T Addison, A Sibisi
Front row: A Anderson, A Duma (captain), Mr N Haswell, Q Mbanjwa, L Sithole

From the beginning of the season, this group of enthusiastic young players exemplified the College brand of football, dominating in possession and scoring well-worked goals. Credit must be given to their hard work in training, consistency, availability and fighting spirit, as well as their curiosity and willingness to learn, on and off the pitch.

An undefeated run through the second term came to an end via a handful of tough losses in the third term. With 15 games played, the team scored a total of 37 goals. The team's most polished performance came against Howick, displaying a dominant team effort, with R Heslop and A Anderson each netting hat-tricks, assisted by A Duma's incisive passing. It was a privilege to work with a group capable of such entertaining and skilful performances. I wish them all the best in future endeavours.

Regular players:

A Sibisi, O Makhathini, A Duma, A Mchunu, R Heslop, K Minnie, A Anderson, K Sukraj, S Gumbi, K Tshabalala, T Addison, S Biyela, S Mhlongo, S Kunene, L Sithole, Q Mbanjwa, S Cassim

Results:

vs Haythorne 2-1, Linpark 3-0, Newton 6-1, Maritzburg College U14A 3-0, St Nicholas 7-2, Alex High U16A 2-1, Hillcrest 1-1, Alex High 3-2, Howick High 6-0, Westville 0-4, Glenwood 1-2, St Charles 1-0, DHS U15A 0-2, Northwood 2-0, Hilton College 0-1

Mr M Makangela

U15B

The U15B team of 2025 will be remembered as a group of gifted and dedicated young men. While their natural ability alone often proved enough to overwhelm opponents, it was the discipline and grit they showed in the challenging moments that defined their season. Affectionately known as *Screamers Only FC*, the U15B prided themselves on scoring from range, with more than half of the goals scored in the season coming from outside the 18-yard area. It is a privilege to have coached a group of such keen and excellent players.

Regular players:

D Davies, R Francis, E Msomi, S Mkhize, S Khumalo, N Rukidi, K Mbanjwa, A Njokweni, I Jakatyana, G Ntshingila, L Mpisane, E Maphumulo, N Zungu, R Fitz, M Maduna, S Ndlovu, L Sithole

Results:

vs Glenwood 4-0, St Charles 3-1, DHS 2-1, Westville 1-1, Hilton College 3-0

Mr S Goddard

U15C

The U15C soccer team has displayed exceptional commitment and teamwork throughout their five matches, securing three wins, one loss and one draw. Each player has shown great determination, working together to push through challenges and support one another. A special mention goes to Ntuli, whose brilliant hat-trick against DHS was an unforgettable moment, exhibiting his skill, focus and ability to perform under pressure.

The team's resilience and unity on the field are a testament to their hard work and dedication, and they should be proud of their achievements. It was good to end the season on a memorable note when we took on Hilton in a penalty shootout after the 1-1 draw, and we came out on top thanks to the confident penalty takers and Gouws making the much-needed saves.

Regular players:

K Gouws, A Ntombela, H Zongwana, E Maduna, Z Bhigjee, L Keppler, Z Vava, K Ncanana, T Mfayela, S Zuma, A Tonny, T Pillay, L Ndlovu, Z Ntuli, A Mpošana, P Mpanza, P Ngayo

Results:

vs Glenwood 2-1, St Charles 4-1, DHS 6-0, Northwood 0-1, Hilton College 1-1

Mr J McCabe

U15D

The 2025 season could be described as turbulent for the U15Ds. The season started off with some unfortunate and unlucky twists of fate. We always rated ourselves the strongest team on the field, but we struggled to get the results. The DHS game was a big turning point. We expected to win once again, but a career-defining performance from the DHS goalkeeper kept us out. After that match we found our groove, finishing with two convincing wins. Had the season been longer, we would have expected ourselves to end at the top of the table. We ended the 5-match-season on 7 points and a goal difference of +3.

Regular players:

L Stainbank, R Myburg, R Gowar, S Mshengu, S Ntloko, L Cooke-Tonnesen, D Matundu, Z Myeni, S Dubazana, L Chetty, S Wessels, K Dlamini, R Managaran, N Ngcobo, F Zwane, M Moloi, R Raghu, A Ntuli, G Mlambo, G Kloppe, Z Khuluse, D Chunillal, L Khumalo, S Ntuli, P Mpanza, S Chohan, A Kunene

Results:

vs Glenwood 1-3, St Charles 4-5, DHS 0-0, Northwood 2-1, Hilton College 5-0

Mr C Myburgh



1st XI team warm-up at Hilton College ahead of the game against Durban High School.



U14A

Back row: E Jordaan, D Chetty
Third row: Z Fakude, B Richards, A Jooma, W Ojwa, A Thela
Second row: A Dladla, S Seoka, M Goba, A Zondi, O Sithole, M Xaba
Front row: Z Mthembu, Mr O Kajee, L Langa, Mr Mhlanze, Z Luswazi

It has been a great pleasure and humbling experience to work with boys from College. It was great seeing the players grow, technically, tactically, physically and mentally. It was encouraging to observe them respond positively to my coaching philosophy based primarily on human values.

The team progressed throughout the year and were undefeated in the second term. I believe we have laid a strong foundation for the future.

Regular players:

M Xaba, A Jooma, Z Luswazi, D Chetty, B Richards, Z Mthembu, O Sithole, L Langa, W Ojwach, M Fakude, A Thela, S Seoka, A Zondi, Y Essa, A Dladla, S Cassim, E Jordan, M Goba, A Shabalala, B Kheswa

Results:

vs St Nicholas 7-2, Linpark 4-1, Alex High U15A 2-1, Newton 7-1, Haythorne 4-1, Alex High U14A 4-1 and 4-0, Hillcrest 2-2, DHS 1-3, Glenwood 1-1, Westville 0-0, St Charles 2-2, DHS 1-1, Northwood 1-2, Howick 4-4, Hiton College 2-1

Mr S Mahlanze

U14B

As the soccer season approached, the fields of Lamond's and Leach's were greeted by a hive of activity and an abundance of talent. After deliberation, the U14B squad was selected amid lots of anticipation and promise.

Our first fixture saw us welcome Glenwood. Our boys started the game with real intent and dominated the opposition in all aspects of the game emerging victors when Fakude netted on five occasions. We then travelled to St Charles, and again the team displayed true determination and produced a football masterclass claiming an emphatic victory.

The next encounter saw us host rivals DHS. Our boys started on the front foot leading at the break. DHS responded very well in the second half and produced a brand of football that was pleasing to the eye resulting in a loss for College. Northwood arrived on our fields and a similar pattern of us staring well emerged as we were leading in the first half. Unfortunately, poor decision-making and defensive errors allowed Northwood back into the game, resulting in a draw.

Our season finale saw us travel to Hilton College where our boys displayed arguably our worst performance of the season. Not the fairytale ending for which we wished.

Special mention must go to the players for their dedication and commitment throughout the season. Many of the boys who initially started in the B team squad were handed A team appearances and excelled in their given roles and responsibilities.

Regular players:

A Dladla, M Xaba, C Lambert, S Cassim, H Ntongana, B Kheswa, N Ndlovu, S Ndlovu, T Fakude, A Thela, M Goba, N Lujabe, L Jali, A Shabalala, C Gounden, T Gwala, K Msomi, E Jordaan

Results:

vs Glenwood 9-2, St Charles 9-1, DHS 2-4, Northwood 2-2, Hilton College 0-4

Mr O Kajee

U14C

The season opened strongly with a win against Glenwood as the squad effortlessly found their rhythm and built the chemistry needed for the rest of the season. The performance of the season was a win on Lamond's against a DHS side that played well against us. However, we also played well and our goalkeeper, L Mbanjwa, kept us in the game with some spectacular saves. We ended the season undefeated. The boys played every match as if it was their final match for College.

Regular players:

L Mbanjwa, S Tsaulwayo, S Madlala, O Phongo, U Nzimande, T Cooper, X Maluleke, O Ngubane, B Zitumane, J Spilsbury, K Ndumo, L Hlongwane, L Tshongweni, B Kheswa, S Mthiyane, Z Mthembu

Results:

vs Glenwood 2-0, St Charles 2-0, DHS 2-1, Northwood 2-0, Hilton College 3-1

Mr D Joshua

U14D

The 2025 soccer season was characterised by hard work, discipline and integrity. Team selection was based as much on character as on ability, and this was evident in the way the boys approached every fixture with determination and resilience.

The season opened against Glenwood, when the team showed great composure to secure a hard-fought victory. It was a demanding fifty minutes, but the boys demonstrated their willingness to persevere and never concede defeat. Our second fixture, against St Charles, presented new challenges. Playing on a smaller field with reduced goal sizes required quick adjustment. Captain Layden scored with a powerful strike, and the boys steadily built their lead, finishing with a convincing victory after a strong performance.

The match against DHS held particular importance for the team. The boys approached the game with clear intent and delivered an outstanding performance, securing an impressive win. Northwood proved to be a sterner test. In the first half, lapses in communication and discipline allowed the opposition to take the lead. However, the boys showed character once again, fighting back to equalise and secure a draw.

The season concluded with a challenging fixture against Hilton College. Despite a determined performance, the boys went down in a closely contested match. While the result did not go their way, the team's effort and commitment remained evident to the final whistle, bringing to a close



SS Msomi with a deft touch.

a season that reflected their character and their continued development on the field.

Regular players:

M Layden (captain), M Govindsamy, S Makhaye, T Mthembu, Q Mkhize, L Armstrong, M Kader, P Rajkumar, K Bukus, A Mzolo, T Foster, B Smith, Potgieter, M Shelembe, L Ntozake, Z Chili

Results:

vs Glenwood 1-0, St Charles 4-0, DHS 9-0, Northwood 1-1, Hilton College 1-2

Mr S Dlamini

U14E

The U14E season began with a tough opening fixture against Glenwood. Although the result did not go the team's way, the players displayed moments of quality, showing promising patterns of play and plenty of grit. The team's philosophy centred on quick, minimal touches, playing forward and directly, combined with a relentless work ethic and a compact defensive structure.

From the outset, the squad set themselves the goal of achieving a winning season. They quickly built momentum, producing an impressive two-game winning streak against strong opponents, scoring nine goals across those fixtures.

An unforgettable match came against St Charles. Trailing 2-1 with only minutes remaining, the boys showed remarkable determination and self-belief, fighting back to secure a thrilling victory. This comeback was a true reflection of their teamwork, resilience and indomitable spirit.

The season concluded with three wins from five matches, successfully meeting the team's objective. Congratulations to all the players for their commitment, hard work on the training ground and enthusiasm for the game.

Regular players:

L Mitchell, Y Moodley, L Dlamini, Y Mkhize, S Goliath, P Kallicharan, B Jackson, S Singh, S Jangali, T Mhlongo, C Grantham, H Zondi, M Vava, J Chetty, C Drake, L Dlomo, N Maluleke, C Mpangeva, K Beharie, L Mnisi, S Sibisi

Results:

vs Glenwood 1-4, St Charles 4-2, DHS 5-3, Northwood 1-4, Hilton College 1-0

Mr C White



Z Duma applies good pressure to the on-rushing goalkeeper.



Squash: 1st Team

Back row: S Johnson, J Maistry, B Mahaye
Front row: K Pillay, T Kufal, Mr S Brill, T Nana, V Premchund
Absent: S Kleu, A Humphries

Our senior squash players enjoyed a remarkable year on the court, proving themselves to be the most successful squash side College has ever produced. During the first term our 1st team participated in the annual St Andrew's Squash Festival, followed by traditional head-to-head fixtures against local rivals. The College first team recorded impressive victories against all our KZN rivals, achieving victory week after week, ultimately finishing the season unbeaten against all teams in KZN, and only falling short against Selborne College and PBHS.

The boys also participated in the KZN Inter-Schools' Tournament at the end of the second term to cement themselves as the best in KZN. After some stiff competition, an impressive and gutsy final victory over Westville 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 boys showed true College fight and tenacity, winning four out of five matches, unfortunately falling short against Selborne College, once again. However, this year College made history by finishing second, the highest position that 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 continued in their 'building phase' but unfortunately did not manage the same success as the seniors. There are some keen young players, however, showing good potential.

The players put in a tremendous amount of work throughout the year, with numerous boys achieving awards and eight of them representing their province. Congratulations to all the players and coaches on a successful year of College squash.

Provincial selections:

- KZN U19A: T Kufal, T Nana
- KZN U19B: V Premchund, K Pillay
- KZN U19C: J Maistry, A Humphries
- KZN U16A: B Mahaye
- KZN U14A: A Reitz

School Champions:

- U19: T Nana
- U16: B Mahaye
- U14: B Abraham

Regular 1st team players:

S Johnson, J Maistry, B Mahaye, K Pillay, T Kufal, T Nana, V Premchund, S Kleu, A Humphries, C Hurson

Results: 1st team

St Andrew's Squash Festival (Bloemfontein):

vs Grey College 5-1, Zwartkop 3-3, Selborne 2-4, St John's College 5-1, KES 4-2

KZN Schools league:

College won against eight local schools played, as well as against PBHS and Affies.

KZN Inter-schools' Tournament:

vs Westville, St Charles and Michaelhouse

College won all their matches and finished in 1st place overall

SA Top Schools Squash Festival:

vs Strand 5-0, Rondebosch 4-1, Selborne 1-4, Grey High 4-1, St Andrew's School (Bloemfontein) 3-2

College finished in 2nd place overall

Mr S Brill



Swimming

Back row: M Chetty, J Mumford, E Hanekom, J Burger, S Venniker, C Potgieter
Third row: R Potgieter, R Baird, C Mackay-Leslie, M Lock, J van der Merwe
Second row: B Gotte, J Vermeulen, J Moore, J Havemann, J Lindeque, K Hogarty, S Volans, C Barnard, J Makepeace, K Vermeulen
Front row: M Lancaster, Mr D Sherriff, P Lamb (captain), Mr N Croeser, C Gibbs, Mr S La Marque, T Pillay

Swimming at College continues to uphold its proud tradition as a well-supported and competitive summer sport. The squad participated in several major galas during the season, with the Nestor Pierides, Alan Burt and Top 10 Schools galas once again forming the core highlights on the calendar. College produced solid performances across these events, being placed 7th at the Top 10 Schools Gala, 9th at the Nestor Pierides Gala, and achieving a commendable tied 6th position at the Alan Burt Gala. These results reflect the growing depth within the programme and the commitment shown by the swimmers throughout the season.

We were proud to see T Pillay and J Mumford rewarded for their hard work and consistency with selection to the KZN Schools Swimming Team.

The squad was admirably led by captain P Lamb, whose dedication, discipline and positive leadership, both in and out of the pool, set an excellent standard 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 facing tough competition throughout the season, our swimmers displayed determination, resilience and continual improvement, hallmarks of the talent and spirit within the College swimming community.

Results of the Inter-House Championship gala:

Open Champion:	P Lamb
U17 Champion:	C Potgieter
U16 Champion:	J Mumford
U15 Champions:	J Moore and E Hanekom
U14 Champion:	C Bloxham
U14 House Relay:	Fuller House
U16 House Relay:	Snow House
Open House Relay:	Nicholson House
Inter-House Relay Champion:	Lamond House
Overall House Championship:	Lamond House

Mr D Sherriff



Table Tennis

Senior team

Back row:
S Moodley, R Madhan, Y Singh, Y Hoolasi,
S Ince

Second row: B Govender, S Bandu,
J Sewlall, F Moula

Front row: T Royappen, Mr N Pillay,
S Redlinghuys (captain), Mr M Jeewan,
T Murugen

Absent: M Chetty, J Maharaj

Table tennis continues to grow in popularity. Our 1st team remain very competitive in the school exchanges, beating a strong Pretoria Boys High team twice and narrowly losing to Affies.

The following boys played for College in the Schools Elite league: T Royappen, S Moodley, S Bandu, S Redlinghuys. T Royappen excelled in the league, winning all his matches and he is ranked the No. 1 U18 in the District.

Highlights of the year include:

- S Moodley, S Ince and C Frank (U15), T Royappen (U19A), S Bandu and S Redlinghuys (U19B) were selected to represent uMgungundlovu at the South African Junior Table Tennis Championship.
- T Royappen (U18) was selected to represent the District at the KZN Provincial Top Schools team as a non- travelling reserve. He is ranked 1st in the District and 3rd in the Province.

- S Redlinghuys has been selected to represent Msunduzi at the SALGA games.

Junior Table Tennis Champion: S Moodley

Senior Table Tennis Champion: T Royappen

Regular players: Seniors:

S Redlinghuys (captain), M Chetty, J Maharaj, F Moula, T Murugen,
R Padayachee, Y Singh, M Singh, T Royappen, S Bandu, B Govender,
S Ince, M Madhan, J Sewlall

Regular players: Juniors:

A Bagirathi, S Chohan, C Frank, M Kanavathy, S Moodley, T Pillay,
K Reddy, A Richards, L van Kralingen, L Armstrong, L Chetty, Z Chili,
A Hanuman, M Moodley, M Naidoo, F Radebe, S Seoka, A Shabalala,
L Bernard

Mr N Pillay



Tennis – 1st team

Back row: Y Aheer, L Puddu
Front row: K Dube, A Tilbury (captain), Miss C Mhlongo, M Borchers
Absent: S Deane

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 1st 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 1st team was outstanding, winning all their fixtures. 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 1st team captain, was ranked number one in the district, while S Deane earned the second spot after impressive displays.

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.

Overall, it has been a terrific year for tennis at College, and we look forward to building on this momentum next year.

The following boys were selected to represent uMgungundlovu district:

U19A: A Tilbury, S Deane

U19B: K Dube, L Puddu (reserve)

U15B: L Borchers, J Greaves (reserve), D Davies (reserve)

Senior Champion: K Dube

Junior Champion: J Greaves

Regular players:

K Dube, L Puddu, S Deane, A Tilbury, M Borchers

Results:

vs Howick High: played 6, won 5, lost 1; vs St Charles: played 6, won 3,
lost 3; vs Hilton College: played 6, won 4, lost 2; vs PBHS (home): played
9, won 7, lost 2; vs PBHS (away): played 9, won 2, lost 7

Miss C Mhlongo



Volleyball

1st Team

Back row: C Pillay, P Shuttleworth, D Murekezi, D Pillay, O Samuel, T Pillay, TS Pillay
Front row: Mrs R Budhoo, Deolyn Naidoo (captain), Mr A Budhoo, R van der Merwe, Mr V Noubouth

Volleyball has been played at College for only two years and, it proved challenging to attract new players this season. Consequently, an U16 team could not be formed and instead, two U19 teams were selected to represent the school.

1st Team

Maritzburg College's participation in the volleyball league at Westville Boys High for the third consecutive year included some remarkable performances. The 1st team, displaying grit and skill, secured an impressive second place among 10 competitive teams. The 1st team qualified for the Top Four Tournament for the third consecutive year. College played against Westville 1st team in the first semi-final. The College boys played with a tenacity that surprised the tournament favourites by beating them by 2 sets to 1. In the final of the tournament, our 1st team came up against Northwood's 1st team. Both teams played with determination but unfortunately College lost by 2 sets to 0.

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 Maritzburg College's volleyball programme. Deolyn Naidoo received the Maritzburg College floating trophy for the most valuable player in the College 1st team.

Regular players:

D Naidoo (captain), K Singh, R van der Merwe, P Shuttleworth,
D Murekezi, D Pillay, O Samuel, C Pillay, C Hackland

Results:

vs Thomas More 2-0, Westville 2-1, Westville 2nd 2-0, Northwood 1-2,
George Campbell 2-0, Port Shepstone High 2-0,
Orient Islamic School 2-0, Maritzburg College 2nd 2-0,
semi-final vs Westville 2-1, final vs Northwood 0-2

Mr A Budhoo

2nd Team

Introducing boys new to the sport was not easy, as they had to grasp the fundamentals of volleyball in a short time. Mastering the core skills of serving, passing, spiking and blocking required patience and consistent effort. However, with guidance from the 1st team players, the newcomers gradually developed their skills. This learning curve was reflected in the season's results, with the team securing just one victory from nine matches.

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.

Regular players:

H Chetty, J Theeralingam, A Dladla, R Gadzikwa, V Charan, S Hlophe,
K Bishop, C Joubert, B Zuma, R Hadden, D Jacob, G Jordan

Results:

vs Westville 0-2, Star College 1st 0-2, Port Shepstone 1st 0-2,
Westville 1st 0-2, Northwood 0-2, Northwood 1st 0-2,
Orient Islamic School 0-2, George Campbell 2-0,
Maritzburg College 1st 0-2

Mr V Noubouth



1st Team

Back row: R Stanton, H Goddard, S Venniker
Second row: J Makepeace, M Jansen, R van der Merwe, J van der Merwe
Front row: M Lock, N Koller (captain), Mr D Sherriff, J Harley, K Vogt
Absent: J Combrink, M Cameron, O Pritchard, S Mhlongo

The 2025 water polo season was one of steady development and resilience for the College 1st team as they navigated a demanding fixture list and a full tournament programme against strong opposition. Pre-season preparation focused on conditioning, defensive structure and building cohesion within the squad, laying a solid foundation for the challenges that followed.

The early fixtures provided valuable learning opportunities against established teams. While results were often hard-earned, the players continued to show commitment and a willingness to improve. The team was led with distinction by captain N Koller, who set high standards through his work ethic and dedication, ably supported by vice-captain J Harley, whose calm presence and consistency were influential throughout the season.

Tournament water polo formed a significant component of the year and proved vital in the team's development. The Grey College Tournament and Reef Cup tested the squad's depth and resilience in high-intensity, back-to-back fixtures, while later competitions such as the Clifton, Inspired Cup, Top Ten and Northwood Stayers tournaments exposed the players to sustained pressure against physically strong opposition.

A major positive was the commitment shown at training. Attendance and intensity remained high, with players embracing the demands placed upon them. This commitment translated into improved fitness levels and a clearer understanding of tactical roles, particularly within defensive systems and transitional play.

As the season progressed, performances became more cohesive and disciplined. While results did not always mirror the effort invested, the character, perseverance and unity displayed by the group were consistent. The foundations laid during the season provide encouragement for the future of College water polo.

Provincial selections:

We are proud to announce that M Lock and K Vogt were selected for the KZN U19B team.

Player Critique:

J Harley (vice-captain, goalkeeper, Large White Badge): A dedicated and dependable presence throughout the season, he provided stability at the back and led calmly by example in high-pressure situations.

M Lock (Colours and Scarf): A hard-working fetch player who brought physicality and commitment to every performance. His KZN U19B experience was evident in his confidence and intensity.

J Makepeace: A disciplined fetch player who consistently fulfilled his tactical role with a good work rate and positional awareness.

J Combrink (Large White Badge): A composed centre-back who anchored the defence with maturity. He brought experience and leadership to the group.

K Vogt (Colours and Scarf): An influential fetch player and the team's leading goal scorer. His attacking threat and competitiveness made him a key contributor.

M Cameron: A committed fetch player who contributed consistently and demonstrated a strong team-first attitude.

M Jansen: A powerful centre-forward who competed well against strong opposition and provided a focal point in attack.

N Koller (captain, Large White Badge): An outstanding leader who led by example throughout the season. His dedication and consistency set the standard for the team.

R van der Merwe (Large White Badge): A reliable fetch player who showed steady improvement and strong defensive contribution.

O Pritchard (Large White Badge): A hardworking centre-forward who continued to develop confidence and strength on the ball.

H Goddard (Large White Badge): A solid centre-back who reads the game well and maintained defensive structure under pressure.

S Venniker (Large White Badge): A disciplined centre-back who showed resilience and composure in challenging defensive match-ups.

J van der Merwe (Large White Badge, goalkeeper): A courageous goalkeeper who developed consistency and confidence against quality opposition.

R Stanton (Large White Badge): A competitive centre-forward who brought energy and determination to the attacking unit.

S Mhlongo: A dynamic centre-forward who added mobility and attacking intent throughout the season.

Results:

vs Westville 8-15, Glenwood 14-5, Michaelhouse 8-13, Clifton 1-7, Kearsney 6-11 and 14-23, Northwood 2-11 and 6-11, St Charles 13-1

Grey College Tournament:

vs PBHS 8-7, Grey College 10-8, Grey College 2nd 23-3, Grey High 6-14, Reddam Constantia 3-10, Affies 6-13, Stirling 15-5, Grey High 6-10

Reef Cup:

vs Falcon College 12-3, Affies 5-13, Parktown 13-6, St Benedict's 5-7, St Alban's 9-10, St Peter's 10-8, Grey College 11-5

Clifton Tournament:

vs Clifton 4-20, Selborne 8-11, Reddam Constantia 11-19, Paul Roos 7-10, KES 12-10, Northwood 6-14

Inspired Cup:

vs St Alban's 24-3, Reddam 10-8, St Peter's 14-13, Affies 5-8, Hilton College 2nd 6-9, Affies 2nd 4-9

Top Ten Tournament:

vs Westville 3-8, Hilton College 4-7, Clifton 3-10, Glenwood 16-6, Michaelhouse 5-7

Northwood Stayers Tournament:

vs Northwood 3-10, Glenwood 11-4, Michaelhouse Invitational 13-9, Kearsney 3-10, Clifton 3-12, Thomas More 8-2

2nd Team

The 2025 season for the squad was one of great change as many Sixth Form stalwarts of the team stepped down to focus on their final examinations and they were succeeded by many new players, entirely from Fourth Form. This renewed the energy in the team and the steady progress and unwavering determination set by the senior members continued to be built upon. From the very first training session, it was clear that this group shared a strong work ethic, a commitment to continuous improvement, and a collective determination to give their best both in and out of the pool.

The season's fixtures presented no shortage of challenges, pushing the team to refine their skills, sharpen their tactics and strengthen their cohesion. Week after week, the boys showed admirable resilience, consistently raised their level of play and upheld the proud standards of those who wore the cap before them. A special mention must go to the captain, M Lancaster, whose leadership and consistently exceptional performances set the tone for the squad throughout the season.

A highlight of every season is the Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament, where the team's character and perseverance were on full display. Facing tough opposition, the boys rose to the occasion with grit and unity.

Sincere thanks and appreciation go to the Sixth Formers whose dedication, mentorship and steady influence have shaped the team's culture and guided the younger players throughout the year. Their commitment to teamwork, discipline and the College spirit has left a strong legacy that will be proudly carried forward into 2026.

Regular players:

M Lancaster (captain), J Burger, M Cameron, J Culverwell, S Douglas, D Fish, C Gibbs, R Harley, J Harris, R Holmes, M Jansen, L Mackay-Leslie, A Mncwango, M Muggleton, P Mzulwini, B Pearson, O Pearson, C Potgieter, J Tilbury, D Volans, B Watts

Results:

vs Westville 5-7, Glenwood 17-7, Michaelhouse 1-10, Clifton 5-17, Northwood 6-19, Kearsney 5-19, DHS 5-5, Westville 3-4, Hilton College 3rds 10-9, Glenwood 16-1, Northwood 4-12

Logan Stanley 2nd Team Tournament:

vs Curro Hillcrest 1st 4-4 (won on penalties), Hilton College 2-10, Westville 3-6, DHS 6-4, Affies 2-10, Kearsney 3-8, Kearsney 3-7, Westville 3-4

Mr D Sherriff

Mr M Warr



During a very tense 1st team game against Kearsney College, the College goalkeeper, J Harley (L) and the captain, N Koller (R), prevent a goal.

3rd Team

The 3rd Team enjoyed a season filled with determination and grit. Known for their relentless work rate, they consistently pushed opponents to the final whistle. Their ability to adapt to different game situations improved dramatically and the team spirit within the squad was a highlight of the season. A special mention must be made of R Anderson who spent three years as a member of this team, always giving his all and willing to take the time to mentor younger members of the squad. With many players developing rapidly, the 3rd Team has become a strong and reliable component of the water polo programme.

Regular players:

R Anderson (captain), N Adam, L Baptista, L Becket, H Bircher, T Bolton, T Boshoff, D Colenbrander, T Foster, N Gosling, M Harris, D Lewis, J Nettleton, S Robertson, T Speirs, J Stead, D Suter, C Sweetnam, A Taylor, E van Aswegen, K van Aswegen, J Vermeulen, J Wang, J Worthmann

Results:

vs Westville 4-5, Glenwood 18-4, Michaelhouse 4-7, Clifton 5-10, Kearsney 4-10, Northwood 4-15, Kearsney 7-19, Westville 1-10, Hilton College 4-8, St Charles 2nd 12-11, Glenwood 6-3, Northwood 3-10

Mr W Greyling

4th Team

The 4th Team represented the true spirit of College water polo with enthusiasm, camaraderie and steady improvement. This team showed tremendous progress, especially in their understanding of structure, positioning and communication in the water. Their matches were competitive and entertaining, and their willingness to learn from every session played a major role in their success. The team can be proud of the strides they made this year.



O Pearson taking a shot for the 2nd team.



K Vogt takes a shot at goal.

Regular players:

B Botha, L de Jager, B Demont, J Ferguson, S Johnson, D Kleingeld, S Kleu, R Launder, M Lennet, M Murgatroyd, T Naidoo, C Pauw, M Pretorius, H Reitz, J Slevin, G Thomson, SD Watts, C Williams

Results:

vs Westville 7-4, Michaelhouse 4-6 and 6-8, Hilton College 2-11, Clifton 10-3, Kearsney 8-10, Northwood 7-13, Kearsney 3-16, Hilton College 14-5, Northwood 2-8

Messrs W Greyling and M Warr

5th and 6th Teams

The 5th and 6th teams this year operated as a combined squad who brought energy and enthusiasm to every game. Their season was marked by strong attendance, positive attitudes and a desire to compete. Many new players gained valuable experience and developed fundamental skills that will benefit them as they move up the ranks. Their teamwork improved significantly throughout the season and they celebrated small victories along the way, both in and out of the pool. This squad embodied growth, fun and team unity. They proudly carried the College spirit, showing that enthusiasm and hard work are just as important as results.

Regular players:

N Breedt, N Daniel, K Ekstrand, T Haviside, L Horner, S Jansen, B Kent, K Leonard, W Maartens, A Madlala, I Mlotshwa, M Mqadi, J Shuttleworth, S Sutherland, W Todd, W Trodd, L Uhlmann, R Upfold

5th team results:

vs Westville 2-14, Hilton College 4th 2-10, Michaelhouse 2-5 and 3-6, Kearsney 9-3, Northwood 7-12

6th team results:

vs Hilton College 5th 2-6, Michaelhouse 8-2 and 5-4, Hilton College 5th 7-5, Kearsney 3-9, Northwood 4-10

Messrs W Greyling and M Warr



S Venniker looking to make a pass for the 1st team against Kearsney.



Encouragement from the players and coach.



u15A

Back row: Z Apostolides, F Venniker, A Ash, O Murgatroyd
Second row: J Don-Wauckhope, J Lindeque, E Hanekom, C Reitz, N Steyn, C van der Merwe
Front row: J Moore, C Barnard (captain), Mr S La Marque, C Mackay-Leslie, K Clark

The core indicators a coach looks for in their team is said to be how the players respond to mistakes, how they treat each other, their effort when they are tired and their willingness to do the extra hard work. For the 2025 Maritzburg College U15A water polo team, the players adapted exceptionally well to all these facets and what started as an indifferent first term progressed into a unit of talented players that showed immense improvement in their personal skill levels and performance as a team.

While they did not win all their matches, the improvement in the results was evident. A 19-goal loss in term one to Northwood was converted into a 3-goal loss in term four. This kind of improvement has seen these youngsters emerge as a dynamic and cohesive group.

Their understanding of the strong technical fundamental requirements improved, as did their sophisticated understanding of the game. Their discipline at training combined with an eagerness to learn, resulted in noticeable improvements both in individual skill execution and collective team strategy.

The highlight of the season was finishing seventh in the KZN Top Schools tournament, which is an improvement on the tenth position of 2024.

The team was captained exceptionally well by C Barnard and C Mackay-Leslie.

Regular players:

C Barnard (captain), C Mackay-Leslie, A Ash, C van der Merwe, E Hanekom, F Venniker, J Moore, Z Apostolides, K Clarke, O Murgatroyd, J Lindeque, N Steyn, J Don-Wauckhope, C Reitz

Results:

vs Westville 2-10, Glenwood 21-4, Michaelhouse 3-22, Clifton 2-22, Kearsney 5-14 and 4-8, Northwood 4-23, St Charles 9-3

Dallas Hutton Tournament:

vs Curro Hillcrest 8-4, Affies 5-7, Kearsney 3-9, Westville 5-7, Clifton 1-14, Glenwood 7-2, Northwood 2-5, DHS 4-2, Westville 1-4

Curro Hillcrest Tournament:

vs Glenwood 8-4, Kearsney U14A 5-10, Curro 11-2, Kloof 12-1, Thomas More 1-6, Kearsney 1-9, Glenwood 11-3

Ian Melliar Tournament:

vs Glenwood House (Cape) 3-8, St David's 2-11, PBHS 1-3, Rondebosch 0-15, Grey High 4-6, Cape Town Invitational 4-5, Glenwood House 8-6

Top 10 Tournament:

vs Northwood 2-8, Westville 3-4, Clifton 2-10, Thomas More 6-5, Glenwood 16-3

Mr S La Marque

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. Our fitness let us down because at half-time we were winning many of the matches we lost. 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.

Many of the boys not only grew in skill but also in character during the season, learning to control their emotions and support their team mates no matter what happened in the pool. Their dedication throughout the year is commendable. It has been a joy to coach these young men, and I look forward to seeing them excel in the open teams next season.



U14A

Back:

L Bottcher

Second row:

B Horsely, B Apostolides, R Slade, H Harding, K Hogarty, K Kappes

Front row:

A Volans, S Volans (captain), Mr L Smorfitt, SF Watts, K Vermeulen

Absent: C Bloxham, C Kewley

The U14A water polo team's 2025 season was one of determination, steady improvement and moments of growth. Throughout a demanding fixture list, the team faced some of the strongest water polo schools in the country, showing resilience in difficult matches while also producing several outstanding performances. Convincing wins over Glenwood and St Charles highlighted the team's ability and potential, while competitive showings against top opposition demonstrated their growing confidence.

Tournament play brought further progress: in the Ken Short Festival, the team secured two strong victories to finish with a 2-5 record, and at the KZN Top 10 Tournament they earned an encouraging win over Glenwood and narrowly missed out in the fixtures against Clifton and Michaelhouse. The team concluded the season with four wins from 13 fixtures and continued to build a solid foundation for future success. Their commitment to improve their structures, fitness and tactical understanding was evident throughout the year, making this a highly promising group.

Regular players:

S Volans (captain), B Apostolides, C Bloxham, H Harding, K Hogarty, B Horsley, K Kappes, C Kewley, R Slade, K Vermeulen, A Volans, SF Watts

Results:

vs Westville 5-19 and 4-10, Glenwood 19-3 and 16-1, Michaelhouse 0-21, Clifton 0-19, Kearsney 0-17 and 10-4, Northwood 1-11 and 2-5, DHS 1-13, Hilton College 2-18, St Charles 17-4

Ken Short Tournament:

vs Westville 2-8, Affies 1-7, PBHS 1-8, St Benedict's 0-7, KES 1-7, Jeppe Academy 7-0, Jeppe 3-2

KZN U14 Top 10 Tournament:

vs Westville 2-10, Hilton College 0-12, Michaelhouse 4-10, Glenwood 17-0, Clifton 4-6

Mr L Smorfitt

Regular players:

R Berner, E Carter, M Clark, C Craig, A de Lange, B Gotte, J Green, J Havemann, L Keppler, R Klute, J Kyle, J Lindeque, O Mostert, C Noordman, J Sparrow, T Stone, M van der Merwe, P Wilson, J Wright

Results:

vs Westville 10-4 and 8-9, Clifton 1-9, Kearsney 4-11 and 3-15, Michaelhouse 3-11, Northwood 6-6 and 2-2, Hilton College 7-8

Mr A Sparrow

U14B

A small U14 age group arrived for the first practice in January 2025. Clearly few had been exposed to the sport and the B side struggled against our traditional rivals.

In total we played nine matches losing seven and drawing two. This may appear disastrous but the improvement from a weak base was heartening with the boys showing up at practice week in and week out.

With few good swimmers, the pressure lay on the team's defence who thrashed around in the pool looking quite dangerous. Suffice to say several of the results could have gone our way with one or two more swimmers. R Baird scored a number of good goals and, together with A Nogwanya, they are encouraged to continue with the extra sessions next year.

This was my last water polo season at College. I am sure I will pop up at the side of the pool, as a spectator, to support the College teams next year with a traditional shout of 'keep going' or 'pass the ball'.

Regular players:

A Nogwanya, I Potgieter, K Mallandain, J Todd, L Bottcher, C Stubbe, R Swanepoel, M Moloi, J van der Merwe, B James, M Hechter, K Miles, M Winterboer, J Robinson, B Erasmus

Results:

vs Westville 6-7 and 4-10, Michaelhouse 3-13, Clifton 0-7, Kearsney 2-10 and 2-7, Northwood 5-5 and 4-4, Hilton College 8-9

Mr N Sutherland

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:		
Bass fishing		
	T Saville (Third Form)	KZN team at SABAA Junior Nationals
	S Kleu (Sixth Form)	
	R Wichmann (Third Form)	
	D Kleingeld (Fourth Form)	
Deep sea		
	M Lancaster (Sixth Form)	4th in the U19 Bottomfish National Tournament
Fly-fishing		
	P Louwrens (Sixth Form)	Bronze medal – World Fly-fishing Championship
	D Cruickshank (Sixth Form)	Bronze medal – World Fly-fishing Championship
Fresh water		
	C Dickason (Fifth Form)	U19 KZN Freshwater angling team
Biathle		
	M Lock (Fifth Form)	Achieved personal best at SA Biathle & Triathle Championship SA U19 Biathle team at World Championships
BMX racing		
	D Martin (Third Form)	SA Cup Champion title in the National BMX Cup series
Go-karting		
	D Rencken (Third Form)	3rd place at the Sodi World Series SA
Indoor Hockey		
	SM Mchunu (Fifth Form)	KZN Inland U16A
	N Ntshingila (Third Form)	
	L Shelembe (Third Form)	
	J Smith (Third Form)	
	M Xaba (Second Form)	
	C Emerson (Second Form)	KZN Inland U14A
	T Fakude (Second Form)	
	M Layden (Second Form)	
	B Lusso (Second Form)	
	L Mduba (Second Form)	
	S Mthiyane (Second Form)	
	A Mukono (Second Form)	
	B Zitumane (Second Form)	
Motorsport:		
	D Garrell (Fifth Form)	1st – SA National Hard Enduro 2nd – SA National Enduro 1st – KZN Regional cross-country Completed Gold category at Roof of Africa Received his Protea blazer
Mountain biking		
	B Woodroffe (Third Form)	Placed 3rd in the Youth Men's category at the SA Downhill Championships



NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: V Ndlovu (hockey), C Potgieter (swimming), S Venniker (canoeing), J Mumford (swimming), M Lancaster (fishing), M Vyambwera (rugby), P Louwrens (fly-fishing), D Jackson (hockey)

Second row: S Mchunu (hockey), A Madlala (choir), A Lembethe (hockey), J Gotte (canoeing), S Sithembu (hockey), R Wichmann (angling)

Front row: Ms B Hartley (canoeing), T Pillay (swimming), Mr A Redfern (headmaster), K Vogt (canoeing), Mr S La Marque (acting sports director), D Cruikshank (fly-fishing), Mr F Malinga (rugby)



PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Back row: J Smith (hockey), D du Toit (rugby), L Sishi (hockey), T Boshoff (rugby), D Colenbrander (rugby), N Mntungwa (orchestra), G Jordan (band), O Kosani (rugby), A Hampshire (choir), R Chikukwa (rugby), N Lessing (hockey), W Mbanjwa (basketball), W Makhanda (basketball), M Mbanzasi (rugby), B Mahaye (squash), T Kufal (squash), E Fabre (hockey), G Askew (hockey), R Stanton (rugby), C Cheray (rugby), L Tsoko (rugby), G Hosking (hockey), K Lubbe (rugby), A Ngubane (rugby), P Mzulwini (choir), M Mogale (rugby), M Lock (water polo)

Third row: A Hlongwa (choir), I Mohamed (hockey), S Zondi (hockey), E Jordaan (soccer), K Minnie (soccer), R Schige (hockey), C Le Court De Blijot (hockey), L Bottcher (rugby), J Kanyinda (rugby), H Ntongana (rugby), B Andrews (athletics), N Naidoo (shooting), C Francis (hockey), A Tilbury (tennis), H Hackland (hockey), K Searle (cycling), T Royappen (table tennis), K Moodley (debating), A Mhlanzi (debating), R Slade (rugby), W Badenhorst (rugby), O Makhathini (soccer), A Humphries (squash), D Nadasan (cricket), R Padayachee (karate), K Mngwenge (hockey), B Mhlongo (athletics), M Ntakana (basketball), R Heslop (soccer), L Mduba (hockey), Z Fakude (hockey), M Puddu (hockey), B Lusso (hockey), J Lindeque (rugby), O Sithole (soccer)

Second row: L Shelenbe (hockey), B Zitumane (hockey), B Abraham (hockey), C Emerson (hockey), R Fitz (hockey), S Ince (table tennis), S Moodley (table tennis), M Naidoo (shooting), V Premchund (squash), B Fourie (cycling), S Schige (hockey), J Spilbury (hockey), D Arouca (hockey), M Layden (hockey), A Linde (rugby), J Badenhorst (rugby), T Addison (hockey), J Lusso (hockey), J Planteau De Maroussen (choir), Y Mahara (soccer), A Ngcobo (debating), K Mhware (debating), G Ntshingila (hockey), J Yobo (rugby), K Jenkins (hockey), M Xaba (hockey), M Smith (hockey), A Mthalane (hockey), J Jansen van Rensburg (canoeing), S Maguisthwa (soccer), L Langa (soccer), S Tsalwayo (hockey), A Mukono (hockey), S Mthiyane (hockey)

Front row: S Venniker (canoeing), A Lembethe (hockey), D Jackson (hockey), K Vogt (canoeing/water polo), D Cruikshank (fly-fishing), T Pillay (swimming), S Sithembu (hockey), R Wichmann (bass angling), Mr C White (hockey), Mr P Gonlag (hockey), Mr D Joshua (hockey), N Haswell (soccer), Mr M Sanders (hockey), Mr K Elder (rugby), Mr S La Marque (acting sports director), Mr A Redfern (headmaster), Ms B Hartley (canoeing), Mr T Orhard (rugby), Mr F Malinga (rugby), Mr D Sheriff (water polo), Mr M Morolong (rugby), Mr K Emerson (hockey), C Potgieter (swimming), S Mchunu (hockey), M Vyambwera (rugby), A Madlala (choir), P Louwrens (fly-fishing), M Lancaster (fishing), J Gotte (canoeing), V Ndlovu (hockey), J Mumford (swimming)

Absent: K Pillay (squash), T Nana (squash), J Maistry (squash), A Reitz (squash), K Kappes (rugby), B Fourie (rugby), W Rossouw (rugby), J van der Westhuizen (rugby), K Ramsamy (rugby), S Gumbi (debating), R Champkins (cycling)



Barns House

Back row: K Pillay, S Mngqithi, O Adendorff, B Thornton-Dibb, L Uhlmann, A Abdool, K Naidoo, E Mitewu
Second row: S Ngcobo, K Singh, T Thompson, J Petersen, S Khumalo, N Thusi, M Thomson, S Khanyile
Front row: J Currie, T Foster, R Armoed, L Bhengu (vice-captain), Mr S Brill (housemaster), J Thackwray (house captain), C Mundell, A Bhengu, C Sukraj, M Gwala



Commons House

Back row: B Kent, A Galassi, C Dillon, M Vyambwera, Y Singh, D Suter, S Mshengu
Second row: S Dzanibe, S Mkhulisa, T Naidoo, L Mkhize, A Taylor, M Baca, T Myeni
Front row: M Kauffman, N Pembridge, S Danisa, Mr B Dodd (housemaster), M Borchers (captain), R van der Merwe, J Moneyvalu, S Redlinghuys
Absent: L Luthuli, J Gray, W de Klerk



Calder House

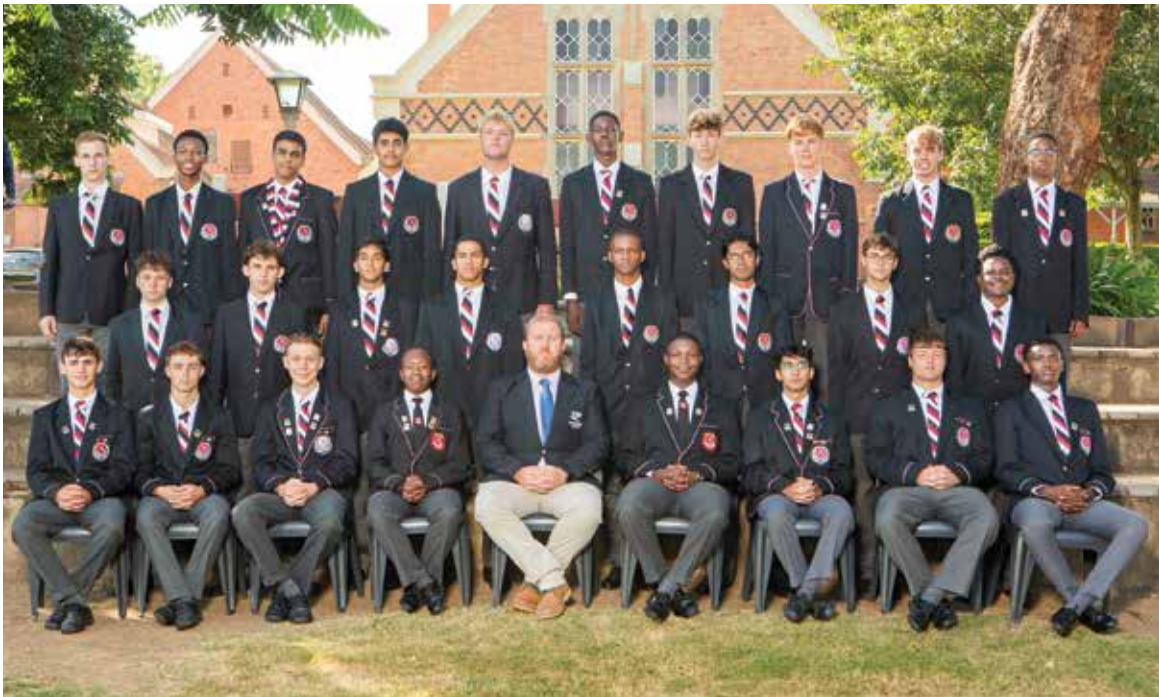
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Second row: J Jansen van Rensburg, R Khan, F Pillay, K Govender, L Ngubane, T Peters, E Dlamini, I Zwane
Front row: T Pillay, R Venter, A Khumalo, C Zondi (house captain), Mrs K Bartholomew (housemaster), E Bester, J Tilbury, A Tilbury, A Khwela
Absent: S Mkhize



Forder House

Back row: Z Dladla, L During, E Mabanga, C Siyongwana, D Barrett, D Davies, A Sewparsad
Second row: M Chetty, U Gamede, S Gwala, D Brunkhorst, L Mkhize, Y Hansrod, M Brunkhorst, H Mdabe
Front row: L Wassink, B Botha, R Boshoff (house captain), Mr N Croeser (housemaster), G Askew, Z Nkosi, O Ntombela
Absent: S Deane, Z Mabunda, B Parak, E Phoenix, J Stead





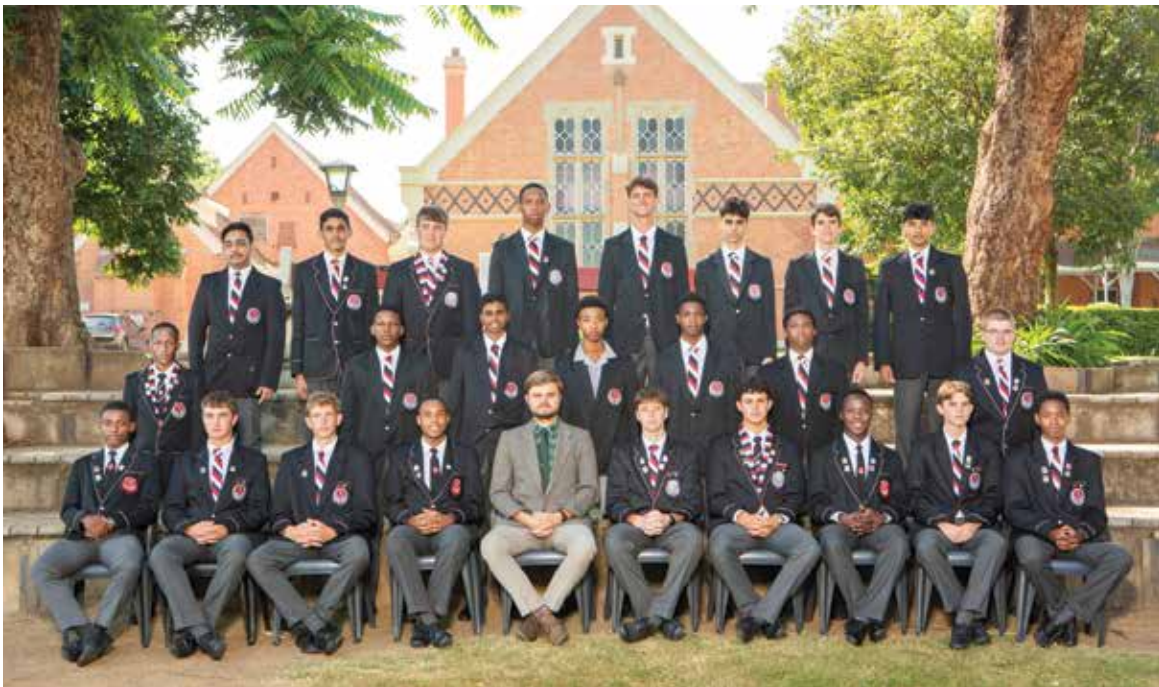
Fuller House

Back row: D Nel, A Ngcobo, A Akoonjee, U Hoosen, S Kleu, B Hlophe, E Clark, G Jordan, A Humphries, S Mchunu
Second row: P Elliot, J Shuttleworth, M Singh, L Sinkfontein, E Majola, D Naidoo, J Drimie, C Mwamba
Front row: J Combrink, R van der Vliet, C Gould, L Shangase (house captain), Mr T Orchard (housemaster), B Pepu, A Beni, L Baptista, H Modi



Nicholson House

Back row: Y Essa, J Maharaj, V Rulumeni, R Singh, R Upfold, A Lewis, P Shuttleworth, M Miya, H Maluleke, W Naidoo
Second row: T Hlophe, S Msimango, D Moodley, S Hughes, P Louwrens, K Jenkins, C van Heerden, M Shabalala
Front row: O Nala, N Koller, D Cruickshank, J Odell, Mr M Sanders (housemaster), C Cherayi (captain), D Naidoo, L Khumalo, C Gibbs



Lamond House

Back row: R Raichund, S Durgaparsad, T Ekerold, N Ngobese, K Dedekind, R Moosa, C Ender, S Subreenduth
Second row: K Phungula, B Makhoba, D Pillay, Z Tshabalala, L Motha, S Mazibuko, T Ambler
Front row: S Sithembu, B Demont, K Botha, V Kasambala, Mr C Myburgh (acting assistant housemaster), E McAllister (captain), M Lancaster, E Hamadzaripi, K Ekstrand, N Mntungwa



Pape House

Back row: M Greeff, L Greyling, E Xulu, C Morewood, T Murugen, C Hurson, O Ndaba, C McDonald
Second row: N Mpanza, K Ncengwa, M Momple, K Singh, T Nana, A Zuma, A Khumalo, A Dlamini
Front row: N Mkize, T Kufal, J Harley, M Qasha, (house captain), Mr M Kritzing (housemaster), M Canham, M Maphanga, M Mfusi, D Naidoo
Absent: B Watts



Snow House

Back row: A Mkhize, L de Jager, J Anderson, L Mavimbela, P Mkoyana, B le Roux, C van Rooyen
Second row: M Osman, M Naidoo, F Thabethe, R Padayachee, I Mlotshwa, S Sibiya, S Duma, L Mseleku
Front row: P Lamb, N Westerdale, W Trodd, A Hadebe (house captain), Mr J Mhlongo (housemaster),
R Anderson, D Nadasan, Z Moses, M Murgatroyd
Absent: J Haug-Lyons, L Nkabane



Strachan House

Back row: S Naidoo, N Ngcobo, D Jackson, J Smit, S Douglas, G Thomson, A van Wyk, M Martin
Second row: F Moula, S Ngobese, W Zondi, L O'Connor, L Mgojo, A Perumal
Front row: A Mthalane, O Radebe, V Premchund, J Fincham (house captain), Mr M Warr (housemaster),
J Steyn, J Harris, W Strachan, S Mazibuko
Absent: R Launder

SECOND FORM

Barns

Aboobaker, MR
Buthelezi, SP
Drake, CR
Drewett, NR
Dubu, LM
Duckham, DJ
Emerson, CR
Fourie, BHS
Gama, LL
Jooma, A
Keppler, JD
Luswazi, ZMJ
Mkhithi, S
Moloi, MF
Mzolo, AP
Ndumo, KB
Ntuli, ZT
Radebe, FT
Soji, ML
van der Merwe, DJ
van Zuydam, C
Wepener, SC

Commons

Beharie, K
Carbutt, MD
Dlomo, LLL
Dlomo, SO
Foster, Tr
Gibson, LMA
Green, JE
Hechter, MJ
Madlala, S
Mnisi, LT
Molla, AR
Moodley, Yad
Mthembu, TPS
Ngubane, AT
Ngwenya, BT
Njokweni, AS
Nxaba, LO
Robinson, CJ
Sithole, AO
Thela, AN
Tshongweni, L
van Staden, TP
Venter, JP
Wiggill, BJ

Fuller

Browning, S
Bukus, K
Bunge, LD
Cassim, SA
Clark, BP
Dhoda, Y
Gama, SFS
Horsley, BC
Howells, JE
Mabaso, AA
Marot, DA
Mbalo, MN
Mduba, L
Mitchell, L
Mkhize, YY
Moyo, D
Mpanza, MD
Ntuli, AS
Rajkumar, P
Stubbe, C
Vava, MZ
Voigts, BG
Watermeyer, RC
Xhakaza, SS
Zondi, AN

Nicholson

Champkins, RD
de Beer, CF
Edmonds, TB
Essa, Yas
Govindsamy, MJ
Gwala, TS
Hodge, AP
Hull, MP
Jordaan, ES
Kappes, KT
Layden, MR
Maluleke, NM
Maluleke, XV
Mbanjwa, KF
Mpundu, KM
Mthembu, WS
Ndlovu, SL
Nzimanade, UE
Padayachee, CO
Potgieter, RH
Ramraj, A
Rees, CC
Seach, TM
Spilsbury, JJ
Tsaulwayo, S

Snow

Armstrong, LW
Badenhorst, W
Chili, ZK
Coetzee, LJS
Erasmus, BV
Gounden, CL
Jackson, TA
Jali, LZN
Lambert, CM
Lusso, BC
Maduna, MS
Magwenyana, SN
Mahlange, TZ
Mbangwa, W
Moosa, MY
Mthethwa, ML
Ndlovu, NW
Ntongana, HI
Phongo, OT
Ramsamy, KW
Reynolds, TJ
Robinson, JM
Thomson, ZS
Xaba, MN
Zondi, HSR

Calder

Badat, MZ
Bernard, L
Botcher, LH
Chetty, DL
Dladla, As
Dlamini, T
Eagleton, GH
Goliath, SJN
Harding, H
Kalicharan, P
Langa, BL
Mhlongo, TS
Mkhize, AS
Mkhize, QL
Shange, LG
Shelembe, MMN
Shelembe, SSK
Swanepoel, RC
van der Merwe, J
van der Westhuizen, JT
Venter, Ry
Vorwerk, BC
Zitumane, BA

Forder

Baird, R
Baldavoo, KG
Dodson, D
Fakude, TZ
Grantham, LE
Grobbelaar, JE
Harty, KS
Hunter, E
Kader, MR
Kheswa, BJ
Kyle, AG
Makhaye, SS
Miles, KDJ
Mitchell, NM
Mpangeva, CA
Ngake, AL
Ntomo, LLL
Shabalala, AA
Singh, A
Stegen, BE
Todd, JC
Winterboer, MJ
Xaba, U
Zuma, SN

Lamond

Abraham, B
Apostolides, BA
Bloxxham, CR
Chetty, JT
De Kramer, CJ
Goba, M
Grantham, CS
Hogarty, KD
Jackson, BJ
Kanyinda, JM
Mbambo, MM
Msomi, KS
Mukono, AB
Nogwanya, AA
Nzama, M
Olivier, LAB
Padayachee, T
Potgieter, IA
Reitz, AP
Seoka, SAS
Sibisi, SN
Slade, RS
Smith, BA
Smith, E
Vermeulen, K
Wilken, JL

Pape

Buthelezi, LS
Coetzer, KC
Doyle, MP
Girdhary, S
Greeff, LD
Hlongwane, LK
Houart, MRC
James, BC
Janse van Rensburg, J
Langa, LO
Lujabe, MIS
Mahmoud, A
Mbanjwa, L
Mohammed, DV
Molise, LJ
Mthembu, ZB
Mthiyane, SNP
Ngubane, OMA
Ojwach, WK
Puddu, MV
Reddy, L
Rossouw, WR
St John-Ward, QH
Watts, SF

Strachan

Chowles, AD
Cooper, TA
Dlamini, LO
Dubois, EC
Hanuman, AR
Jangali, S
Kewley, C
Kruger, JM
Mallandain, KC
Mbanjwa, KN
Mkhize, S
Mthembu, LSZ
Mvelase, KT
Naidoo, Ma
Ngubo, LN
Ntozakhe, L
Polo, TZE
Richards, BS
Singh, S
Tyler, C
van Rensburg, JJ
Volans, AG
Volans, SJ
Yobo, JNK

THIRD FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Ash, AA	Badenhorst, J	Addison, T	Bezuidenhout, L	Adonis, C
Barnard, C	Barnard, K	Arouca, D	Cooke-Tonnesen, LG	Badat, Y
Bayliss-Lane, KG	Bishop, LR	Cele, BS	Davies, D	Bell, RA
Bowyer, CC	Borchers, LD	Chetty, L	Dlamini, NZ	Brigg, BS
Fourie, HG	Cassim, Z	Don-Wauchope, JJ	Dumisa, M	Chunilall, DK
Hanekom, E	Coetsee, RG	Greaves, JA	Fitz, RG	Gotte, BC
Hattingh, CD	Cohen, C	Gumbi, SS	Gumbi, SA	Khuluse, ZS
Heugh, R	Dlamini, KBM	Khumalo, LW	Gwala, ES	Khumalo, SR
Kosani, Q	Dlamini, SK	Kunene, AFS	Khumalo, Sa	Klopper, GHA
Kyle, JO	Gowar, RPM	Kyle, WHJ	Khumalo, Si	Luridsamy, JA
Makhado, M	Hellberg, PK	Lennet, MC	Machwane, N	Lusso, JP
Matundu, D	Hukum, N	Mfekayi, LS	Magutshwa, AO	Maluleke, NZN
Mayekiso, ME	Khanyile, MQN	Mkhize, BSL	Mdekazi, O	Maphumulo, E
Mchunu, AE	Mfayela, TA	Mostert, OR	Ngcobo, N	Martin, DG
Mpofana, A	Mkhize, L	Mshengu, S	Nicholson, MM	Mhlongo, ST
Ndlovu, LJ	Msibi, SAN	Ndlovu, SaO	Ntlakana, MA	Msimang, NMN
Ntombela, LM	Ndlovu, ZS	Nduli, OS	Nyoka, MN	Msomi, E
Ntuli, SN	Ngubane, SM	Ngayo, PD	Raghu, RS	Murgatroyd, OB
Singh, Yashv	Nzama, SM	Reddy, K	Ramraj, S	Ndaba, M
Sparrow, JD	Richards, AJ	September, S	Reitz, CF	Ntombela, ASL
Stainbank, LD	Saville, TB	Sheik, A	Sibisi, A	Ntuli, L
Sukraj, KC	Vavab, L	Vava, Z	Sikhakhane, NU	Rukidi, NA
van Amsterdam, JA	Speirs, TB	Wichmann, R	Singh, Z	Smart, D
Venniker, FM	Swanepoel, DL	Wright, JG	Sithole, LK	Smith, JAS
Zungu, N	Zulu, KT	Zongwana, HO	Swart, TM	Trodd, RB
Zwane, O		Zuma, SA	Woodroffe, BC	Tshabalala, K

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Bagirathi, AS	Anderson, AR	Apostolides, ZD	Bhigjee, Z	Badat, H
Barnardo, MR	Bhengu, ST	Chaplin, JH	Biyela, SM	Berner, RD
Clark, MD	Boshoff, Rub	Church, BM	Buthlezi, SS	Carter, E
Clarke, KG	Brande, L	Dlamini, NS	Chambers, RL	Chohan, SA
Craig, CJC	Buthlezi, NS	Dubazana, SA	Duma, AL	de Lange, AH
Frank, C	Chamane, NZL	Govender, JM	Francis, RJ	Fincham, JG
Gumede, BA	Jooma, M	Green, JD	Gouws, KM	Fourie, J
Harper, KL	Kanavathy, MM	Johnson, WD	Havemann, J	Gounder, J
Langa, ZL	Langa, EE	Liao, NR	Havemann, R	Hlophe, OSL
Madlala, MS	Managaran, R	Linley, CT	Heslop, RD	Jakatyana, N
Madlala, QL	Moloi, MU	Mabena, N	Keppler, LE	Jombile, P
Maduna, EJ	Moodley, S	Madlala, SE	Kunene, SLS	Klute, RW
Markham, CJ	Moore, JR	Mkhize, AT	Linde, AM	Luvuno, NQM
Marwick, TJM	Myburg, R	Mlambo, GC	Lindeque, JC	Mabaso, MM
Mthabela, NS	Ndlovu, SiO	Moodley, Ke	Mackay-Leslie, CJ	Maseko, T
Ncanana, K	Nkosi, B	Mpisane, LJ	Makhathini, O	Mbanjwa, QSO
Ndlovu, MS	Ntloko, SNV	Mullen, KC	Maziko, SV	Minnie, KE
Nkwanyana, KS	Ntuli, N	Myeni, ZN	Mkhwane, KS	Ntshingila, NG
Palmer, RC	Patrick, LJ	Noordman, CH	Mnguni, AME	Pauw, MA
Riley, RJ	Pita, KS	Pillay, Ty	Mpanza, DNC	Rogers, RJ
Rumbu, Z	Rencken, DS	Shandu, AZS	Mpanza, P	Shelembe, LA
van der Merwe, CW	Smith, J	Sithole, NQL	Ntshangase, LFA	Stone, TJ
Viljoen, HQJ	Steyn, N	Tonny, AR	Odayan, DT	Storm, H
Zikalala, PA	Vengai, NE	Wilson, JA	Thomas, JM	Tenza, M
	Wessels, SC	Wilson, P	van der Merwe, MR	Watson, SJ
	Zondi, SB	Zwane, FWO	van Kralingen, L	

FOURTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Ashton, NP	Adjei, GK	Baptista, JJ	Bircher, HW	Badenhorst, R
Bernstein, S	Balmer, EM	Bolton, T	Culverwell, JP	Barnard, CJ
Dhai, Y	Bandu, S	Chili, SH	Dlamini, A	Basi, O
Dlamuka, HP	Fish, DG	Dlamini, Lul	Dry, D	Benamro, MA
Dube, N	Gcumisa, MS	Gould, EO	Dunne, JJ	Bornman, DJ
Gumede, S	Gumede, MM	Hariparsad, S	Govender, BS	Flara, H
Hunter-Smith, E	Hellberg, KE	Hendriks, J	Hlongwa, AE	Gengan, OK
Ismail, S	Holmes, RH	Hosking, GP	Hlophe, SA	Gregory, KD
Jansen, SD	Khumalo, WP	Khan, UA	Khawula, KA	Hadebe, MS
Kosani, O	Leclezio, DJ	Khanyile, ML	Mathapershad, NJ	Ince, SL
Kunene, SZ	Makhanya, SN	Lessing, NR	Mnyaiza, G	Madlala, As
Maharaj, Y	Masemola, YVK	Magutshwa, S	Moodley, JJ	Makepeace, JW
Mahomed, IA	Mbatha, AW	Manana, NS	Msebe, AB	Makhanda, W
Mchunu, K	Ndaba, NC	Mbanjwa, WKL	Mtembu, KZ	Mhlongo, SN
Mchunu, ZN	Ngubane, AL	Mbanzaswi, M	Mthembu, NL	Msomi, SM
Mdladla, B	Nkomo, V	Modi, MK	Ncwane, CS	Mumford, JR
Mini, A	Pembridge, JAJ	Msibi, SM	Ndwardwa, HN	Nkwanyana, VS
Mnguni, BA	Rajaratnam, D	Mupfumi, TN	Pearson, B	Peter, KB
Naidoo, EA	Robertson, SH	Ngobese, PS	Pearson, OB	Phungula, NK
Ngcobo, Ay	Scheepers, CJ	Pillay, R	Planteau De Maroussem, JJ	Phungula, SS
Phakathi, AL	Schirge, SM	Rawson, MJ	Shabangu, LE	Pillay, Tri
Rajpal, K	Schwikkard, JC	Smith, BL	Sithole, AS	Volans, MJ
Sewlall, J	Vyambwera, L	Smith, TR	Starling, FN	Xaba, LS
van der Merwe, LK	White, JI	Taylor, TA	Wang, JD	Zuma, U
van Staden, T	Worthmann, J	Zama, SS	Woodroffe, EC	
Williams, CK	Zondi, O		Young, RM	
			Zweni, UT	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Ahmed, MZ	Brande, TM	Anthony, AE	Cassim, R	Bhatt, T
Balkisson, CD	Dladla, LOT	Brijmohan, S	Collyer, WG	Bisset, MJ
Budhu, Y	Dodson, B	Dawood, Z	Dlamini, SJ	de Bruyn, KP
Burger, J	Govender, LC	Duma, Z	Ferguson, JS	Dlamini, US
Gabuza, S	Haasbroek, AD	Glover, ST	Govender, Ki	Hoolasi, Y
Gamede, LP	Horwill, KM	Haviside, TWS	Hampshire, A	Khumalo, LL
Horner, LR	Johnson, SR	Jansen, MA	Harley, RM	Khumalo, MS
Jingela, JK	Kyle, HD	Lewis, DT	Heyns, QR	Kleingeld, DE
Khwela, K	Makhaye, BM	Malila, W	Hloba, SM	Knock, J
Kubheka, LN	Marcus, LP	Mbebe, NM	Khoza, NQ	Matthee, D
Makhoba, L	Maurel, JR	Mofokeng, TS	Lubbe, KJ	Mlaba, ASA
Meyer, MJ	Mbewu, LQ	Motsoeneng, TN	Madhan, R	Mogale, M
Mncwango, AK	Mhlaba, LS	Muggleton, ML	Mahaye, BLA	Moodley, Yas
Mohlaoli, NL	Mwange, LP	Mullen, CJ	Maphumulo, S	Mqadi, AS
Mshengu, B	Ndadane, AO	Myeni, AN	Marimuthu, TL	Mqadi, MS
Mtetwa, SO	Ngxekisa, LS	Mzulwini, P	Mchunu, EM	Mshengu, EL
Ngantweni, K	Ramlall, A	Ndlovu, O	Mdhluli, MS	Mthembu, KL
Peters, J	Rampersadh, K	Ngcobo, GN	Mhlanga, OZ	Ndaba, P
Phakathi, LL	Scheepers, NB	Ngubane, AN	Mthembu, S	Ndaba, V
Pillay, RY	Stewart, CA	Padayachee, TG	Ndlovu, SS	Ngcobo, Am
Powell, L	Todd, WJ	Reitz, HJ	Nell, S	Nkwatsi, MI
Raju, S	Vengai, E	Schoeman, R	Puddu, LJ	Shawe, JH
Scholtz, DC	Xaba, EO	van Aswegen, EJ	Quin, RH	Stead, TR
Vayani, MA	Zondo, UM	van Aswegen, KD	Saville, NA	Volans, DW
Venter, L		van Rooyen, WJ	Smal, DJ	Xolo, SS
Venter, MT		Vermeulen, JV	Zakwe, BL	
Vilakazi, LM				
Zuma, O				



FIFTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Abrahams, DE	Ayisa, RK	Botha, B	Asmal, U	Armstrong, JM
Charan, VS	Bishop, KM	Bryant, BLC	Barnard, B	Benamro, FB
Chetty, KK	Cahill, AS	Burnie, KJ	Curry, NA	Coetzer, CC
Desebrook, PL	Dillon, DK	Cameron, MK	de Beer, RW	Craig, JA
du Toit, DS	Dladla, AI	Essack, AN	Fitz, LT	Dladla, AM
Grunewald, J	Dlamini, Luh	Francis, CJ	Gosling, NJ	Dlamini, N
Gunning, DP	Dube, KAN	Gumede, LN	Gumede, PW	Garrell, DR
Hackland, CK	Govender, S	Hlophe, SK	Jursa, DE	Goatley, JC
Jean-Louis, BD	Hoatson, OS	Lotter, L	Khoza, SS	Gotte, JS
Khetsi, P	Hukum, A	Mabande, LA	Kosani, L	Hadebe, SH
Lekhobo, T	Khumalo, PM	Mabanga, LN	Lock, MR	Khan, Ro
Leonard, KG	Maharaj, Sy	Mbatha, SM	Machwane, CZJ	Khanye, NS
Madlala, MM	Mkhize, AA	Mchunu, SM	Mngwengwe, K	Khoza, OL
Mafunga, T	Mkhize, SN	Naidoo, A	Mohamed, SA	Maduna, TS
Manyathi, MS	Mountfort, C	Nelson, CJ	Msane, ZN	Moodley, Ka
Mongoato, RT	Ndlovu, SbO	Nettleton, JE	Mudely, T	Myeza, LS
Ndlela, A	Ndwalane, L	Searle, K	Myaka, MN	Naicker, L
Netsianda, TO	Ngcemu, NO	Shezi, K	Naidoo, TC	Pedlar, SG
Nxumalo, SB	Ngcobo, SZ	Simamane, SB	Nhlapo, SM	Pillay, Tra
Pay, JS	Ngzu, WB	Sing, BC	Nyoka, MM	Ramiah, R
Qhobosheane, TT	Pillay, D	Sobwe, EK	Padayachee, J	Seakeco, N
Thembela, A	Schirge, RM	Stanton, R	Paveley, LR	Smart, M
van Amsterdam, MD	Sehlako, TK	Watts, SD	Pritchard, OD	Tukayi, LZ
van Rooyen, PL	Shabalala, SS	Wood, C	Rulumeni, N	Zondi, SM
Venniker, SA	Wiggill, SB	Zuma, BA	Samuel, OB	Zote, BP
Willson, RG			Tshabalala, N	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Becket, LR	Colenbrander, DS	Adam, NC	Aheer, Y	Askham, ML
Bharath, AR	Dlamini, SN	Andrews, B	Canham, ZS	Baker, TD
Boshoff, TJ	Fabre, E	Basson, KE	Chikukwa, RT	Caluza, TP
Chetty, ML	Fynn, CN	Blöse, JJ	Cook, BC	Fourie, BJ
Dickason, CM	Gadzikwa, R	Chetty, H	Dreyer, LG	Gademan, DG
Jaftha, NF	Galtrey, DR	Chikowero, TL	Hulane, ZM	Hackland, HR
Joubert, TL	Goddard, HD	de Bruyn, K	Khumalo, CA	Hadebe, AA
Kau, SR	Hadden, RA	Dyosi, ML	Kruger, TR	Harris, MC
Khumalo, B	Kader, ML	Erskine, FS	Lindeque, IM	Khuboni, IL
Khwela, A	Katz, TL	Foster, Th	Lutge, A	Madlala, KE
Le Court De Billot, CT	Manana, MF	Jordaan, JP	Mackay-Leslie, LE	Mhlanzi, A
Lembethe, A	Murekezi, MD	Kunene, FN	Madlala, Aw	Mhlongo, BZ
Lewis, LS	Murugan, AS	Mchunu, SN	Makhaye, A	Mpapa, EM
Maartens, WF	Ndlovu, MJS	Moodley, M	Makhaye, ST	Naidoo, N
Madzimure, M	Ngcobo, AS	Motshoane, R	Msimango, MM	Nankan, T
Maharaj, Sa	Potgieter, CB	Mshudulu, LJ	Naidoo, Dh	Nzama, LL
Maistry, J	Sishi, LS	Mtambo, M	Ndlovu, VU	Parker, WM
Mhlanzi, BE	Slabberts, RD	Mukorera, LA	Oosthuizen, MC	Pauw, CD
Mncwabe, P	Smith, M	Naidoo, Der	Pillay, CJ	Royappen, TS
Moyo, N	Theeralingam, J	Tsabedze, ZK	Pretorius, MA	Sivenarain, T
Mustard, RK	Theletsane, KA	van der Merwe, EW	Sheikh, R	Somi, MA
Ngubane, AU	van der Merwe, JM	Wilson, CE	Shezi, JA	Sweetnam, CA
Ramdeen, VY	Wessels, JN	Zunckel, JH	van Dyk, WM	Truter, MH
Ramdass, S	Zikhali, UL		Viljoen, C	Tsoko, L
Slevin, JD			Xaba, SL	van Rensburg, RD
Thompson, JG				van Wyk, AP
Vogt, KH				Zulu, MV

SIXTH FORM

Barns	Commons	Fuller	Nicholson	Snow
Abdool, A	Baca, ME	Akoonjee, A	Cherayi, CM	Anderson, JB
Adendorff, OL	Borchers, MR	Baptista, LJ	Cruickshank, DJ	Anderson, RDM
Armoed, RM	Danisa, ST	Beni, A	Essa, Yah	de Jager, LJ
Bhengu, AK	De Klerk, W	Clark, ERC	Gibbs, CS	Duma, S
Bhengu, LN	Dillon, CW	Combrink, JL	Hlophe, TA	Hadebe, AB
Currie, JM	Dzanibe, S	Drimie, JT	Hughes, SJ	Haug-Lyons, JZ
Foster, TM	Galassi, AE	Elliot, PEG	Jenkins, KR	Lamb, PR
Gwala, MW	Gray, JJ	Gould, CTB	Khumalo, LG	le Roux, B
Khanyile, SS	Kauffman, MJ	Hlophe, BN	Koller, NP	Mavimbela, LL
Khumalo, SN	Kent, BJ	Hoosen, U	Lewis, AJC	Mkhize, A
Mitewu, EM	Luthuli, L	Humphries, AW	Louwrens, PA	Mkoyana, P
Mngqithi, SN	Mkhize, LYA	Jordan, GLR	Maharaj, J	Mlotshwa, IL
Mundell, CM	Mkhulisa, SA	Kleu, SP	Maluleke, HM	Moses, ZR
Naidoo, K	Moneyvalu, JD	Majola, ET	Miya, MM	Mseleku, L
Ngcobo, SMT	Mshengu, SPF	Mchunu, SS	Moodley, DT	Murgatroyd, MB
Petersen, JC	Myeni, TT	Modi, HC	Msimango, S	Nadasan, DC
Pillay, KH	Naidoo, TD	Mwamba, CP	Naidoo, Deo	Naidoo, Mi
Singh, Ke	Pembbridge, NRK	Naidoo, Da	Naidoo, W	Nkabane, L
Sukraj, CJ	Redlinghuys, SM	Nel, D	Nala, OM	Osman, M
Thackwray, JJ	Singh, Yash	Ngcobo, AN	Odell, JO	Padayachee, RD
Thompson, TH	Suter, DK	Pepu, BI	Rulumeni, V	Sibiya, SM
Thomson, MR	Taylor, AD	Shangase, L	Shabalala, MMP	Thabethe, F
Thornton-Dibb, BJ	van der Merwe, R	Shuttleworth, JW	Shuttleworth, PJ	Trodd, WJ
Thusi, NY	Vyambwera, MS	Singh, M	Singh, R	van Rooyen, C
Uhlmann, L		Sinkfontein, LH	Upfold, RG	Westerdale, ND
		van der Vliet, RM	van Heerden, CPJ	

Calder	Forder	Lamond	Pape	Strachan
Bester, E	Askew, GA	Ambler, TW	Canham, MU	Fincham, JJ
Dlamini, EUA	Barrett, DA	Botha, KH	Dlamini, A	Harris, JC
Douglas, SWS	Boshoff, Rud	Dedekind, KL	Greeff, MW	Jackson, DC
Fryer Dudley, JD	Botha, BJ	Demont, BL	Greyling, LR	Lauder, RG
Govender, Ke	Brunkhorst, D	Durgaparsad, S	Harley, JF	Martin, MD
Jansen van Rensburg, J	Brunkhorst, M	Ekerold, TB	Hurson, CT	Mazibuko, ST
Joubert, CS	Chetty, M	Ekstrand, KJ	Khumalo, AA	Mgojo, LE
Khan, Ra	Davies, DB	Ender, CD	Kufal, TJ	Moula, F
Khumalo, AM	Deane, SJ	Hamadziripi, ET	Maphanga, MM	Mthalane, AT
Khwela, AB	Dladla, ZV	Kasambala, VJ	McDonald, CG	Naidoo, S
Mkhize, SK	During, LM	Lancaster, MS	Mfusi, ML	Ngcobo, NB
Msomi, SS	Gamede, UO	Makhoba, BC	Mkize, N	Ngobese, S
Ngubane, LQB	Gwala, SV	Mazibuko, S	Momple, MB	O'Connor, LD
Peters, T	Hansrod, Y	McAllister, EJ	Morewood, CJ	Perumal, A
Pillay, FC	Mabanga, E	Mntungwa, NU	Mpanza, NA	Premchund, V
Pillay, TS	Mabunda, ZM	Moosa, R	Murugen, T	Radebe, OA
Taylor, JR	Mdabe, HL	Motha, LS	Naidoo, DC	Smit, JB
Tilbury, AC	Mkhize, LN	Ngobese, NA	Nana, T	Steyn, JC
Tilbury, JL	Nkosi, Z	Phungula, KS	Ncengwa, KS	Strachan, WG
Venter, Ro	Ntombela, O	Pillay, DT	Ndaba, OK	Thomson, GN
Zakwe, MA	Parak, B	Raichund, R	Qasha, MS	van Wyk, AD
Zondi, C	Phoenix, EZ	Sithembu, S	Singh, Ki	Zondi, W
Zwane, I	Subreenduth, S	Tshabalala, ZA	Watts, BEH	
			Xulu, EA	
			Zuma, A	





Report for 2024/2025

This past year has been one of renewal, growth and reconnection for the Maritzburg College Old Boys' Association (MCOBA). In our 127th year, we have navigated leadership changes and economic challenges, yet emerged stronger, with renewed energy and a clear vision for the future.

Following the conclusion of Andrew Clayton's term as President and the resignation of our Operations Manager, Dr Melba Nzimande, the Association embraced a new chapter. We welcomed Ms Jaclyn Ponsford as Operations Manager in September 2024 and she has brought impressive drive and creativity to the role, delivering an exceptional 2024 Induction Ceremony and a record-breaking 2025 Reunion Weekend.

That Reunion was one for the history books. For the first time, we hosted two golf days and two dinners, making the weekend more accessible and inclusive. The result was a record turnout of Old Collegians, proving that our Bonds of Brotherhood are as strong as ever.

We also welcomed several leadership changes to the Executive Committee. Grant Hooper, Head Prefect of 1993, stepped into the role of vice-president in April 2025 and will serve as president-elect. Bruce Lesur joined as College Ambassador, bringing fresh energy to our engagement strategy. Rory Bremner took up the role of school representative, following the dedicated service of Matthew Marwick.

While the Treasurer role remains vacant, our accounting and governance have remained robust thanks to the combined efforts of Sue Buchanan-Clarke, Jaclyn Ponsford and Executive Member Rodney Klute. Our thanks also go to Kevin Smith, Director of College Business, and his capable team whose professional events management played a major role in the success of Reunion 2025.

Membership growth has been a major success story, with numbers rising to 1 539 in 2024, a 27% increase in subscriptions. We have refined our membership categories to encourage earlier engagement from younger Old Collegians, while keeping fees fair and accessible.

Our approach is simple, we cannot operate on goodwill alone. Like any professional organisation, subscriptions are essential for sustainability, and the growth in Life Membership and Scholar Subscriptions shows that our value proposition is resonating.

From a loss in 2023 to a surplus in 2024, our finances tell a story of prudent management and renewed member support. Highlights include:

- Trading income up 57.6%
- Operating costs reduced by 16.3%
- Maize fundraising programme income more than doubled
- College Connect revenue increased from R20K to R188K
- Events generated an additional R363K in revenue

This turnaround reflects disciplined cost control, innovative fundraising and the dedication of our members. Since its launch in 2022, College Connect has become a strategic engagement tool for Old Collegians and the wider College community. While direct revenue has not yet met targets, the platform's real value lies in connecting people and opportunities.

With our contract with Graduway ending in 2026, we are exploring alternative providers to improve functionality and cost efficiency. The recent shift back to College Connect's core mission, introducing Old Boys to each other and to opportunities, ensures it remains relevant and valuable.

From local branch functions to international gatherings in the UK, MCOBA has been active across the globe. We've also focused on supporting branches that need revitalisation, such as Zululand, South Coast and Northern Natal. Our approach has been to empower Branch Chairmen as custodians of their networks without burdening them with administration. This keeps engagement authentic and sustainable.

Our connection to the school remains at the heart of our mission. This year, we have supported College through bursaries, infrastructure, mentoring and strategic partnerships. We work closely with the School Board, SGB, MARC, the Foundation and Club 1863 to ensure our efforts align with the Headmaster's vision and the school's long-term success.

For the remainder of 2025 and beyond, we aim to enhance our digital communication and information-sharing, broaden our offering to younger OCs, support the transition to the 16th Headmaster, fully integrate College Connect into the wider College community and continue delivering on the constitutional objectives of the Association.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our past patron and Headmaster, Dr Chris Luman, who concluded 13 years of distinguished service. We were honoured to present the 15th Headmaster's portrait to Maritzburg College in recognition of his legacy.

To the 2024/2025 Executive, Branch Chairmen and Class Convenors, thank you for your tireless efforts and unwavering commitment. The MCOBA's strength lies in its people, and I can say with confidence that our Association is thriving and relevant in a time when community, purpose and belonging matter more than ever.

Finally, to all Old Collegians, your loyalty, pride and support ensure that our Bonds of Brotherhood endure. The friendships formed at College are lifelong and, in challenging times, they prove their worth again and again.

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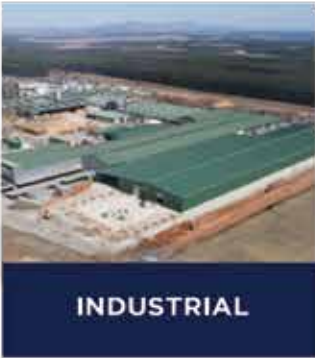
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