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**D**ear Girls, Old Girls, Staff, Parents and Friends of the School, As we turn the final page on another year in the life of our beloved Collegiate, we pause again at that familiar place of reflection – a quiet turning toward gratitude, meaning and the future we are called to shape. Each annual magazine serves as more than a record of the year's events; it is a testament to who we are, what we value and how we grow together. And this year, especially, we have lived out our theme with conviction: *Living our Values; Building our Future*.

The five values that stand at the very heart of Collegiate – good work ethic, respect, responsibility, compassion, and integrity – have not merely been printed in handbooks or spoken of in assemblies; they have been chosen, acted upon and embodied. They have been woven into the kindness shown to a classmate in need, the effort given to academic excellence, the courage to stand up and speak out and the resilience to do hard things when no applause is expected. It is true that not every learner gets this right all the time; nor do we as adults. Yet that is the very essence of education – to call out the best in each person, to gently correct when we fall short and to do so with the values themselves as our guide.

Each day, I am reminded that values are lived not in grand gestures, but in consistent, quiet choices. Perhaps that is why the sculpture *Courage*, which stands proudly on our grounds, has come to hold such deep meaning. She is a celebration of the Collegiate learner – past, present, and future. She is fearless without arrogance, determined without hardness and formed by a lineage of women who have stood tall before her. She calls us not only to reflect on who we have been but to imagine boldly who we are becoming.

This year has also reminded us, in stark and painful ways, of

the fragility of life and the irreplaceable worth of connection. The passing of our dearly loved Grade Twelve learner, Hailie-Jade Coboza, cast a long and heartfelt shadow across our corridors. Her absence was felt deeply. Yet in the grief that followed, our community lived its values with palpable tenderness. Learners, staff and families alike bore one another's sorrow with compassion and dignity, reminding us that even in loss, love endures; and remembrance is, itself, an act of honour.

As a school, we remain steadfast in our commitment to the safety and protection of every learner. We will always act in the best interest of our girls, upholding their wellbeing firmly while showing the care and empathy that lie at the heart of who we are.

We also remain committed to being a school where every child is known, seen and valued. That is, in part, why Collegiate preserves its size: because we believe deeply in the power of relationship, in the gift of presence and in the quiet knowing of each girl who walks these halls. No learner should ever be a number or a name on a roll; she is a story in motion, worthy of care and attention as her journey unfolds.

This conviction extends beyond the Senior school. The bonds of sisterhood with our Junior school remain a treasured thread in our shared identity, reminding us that belonging begins early and that the roots of sisterhood run deep. Likewise, our connections with Old Girls – now scattered across the world – remind us that once you wear the badge of Collegiate with *Facta non Verba* proudly emblazoned on it, it remains a part of you long after the bells stop ringing. Stories shared by Old Girls this year remind us with warmth and certainty: Collegiate is not just a season of life; it is a legacy of heart.

And so, as we turn this page and look forward, we do so knowing that we are not alone. We build our future together. In every classroom, rehearsal venue, playing field, and quiet study space – even along the path where the light glints off the lamp post bearing our five values – we are choosing, day by day, to live as people of substance.

I remain grateful beyond words to our staff, whose devotion makes the school's heartbeat steady and hopeful. To our parents – thank you for the countless ways you support Collegiate and your daughters' journeys. Whether it is arranging flowers that bring warmth to our spaces, serving refreshments at events, working tirelessly on the PTA to fundraise, offering your expertise on committees, or cheering your daughters on at sports matches and concerts, your partnership is both seen and deeply appreciated. Each act of service adds to the fabric of this community and plays an irreplaceable role in the education and future of our girls.

To Mr Grant Kucherera, thank you for your five years of service on the School Governing Body, the last two in the role of Chairman. Your wisdom, steadfast leadership and generous commitment of time and expertise have been deeply valued.





A heartfelt thank you also to Mrs Hayley Carter and Mrs Lynn van Dyk, whose hard work, dedication, and love ensure that the moments of 2025 are recorded with care and elegance in this magazine, for the joy of present readers and the reflection of those yet to come.

To our Old Girls, for the ways you extend the spirit of Collegiate into every corner of the world, and most of all to our learners – bright, complex, creative, courageous – who prove, year by

year, that values lived are values that last: thank you.  
Let this magazine be a reminder of all we have built this year and all we will continue to build together.  
May the days ahead offer rest, reflection and the assurance that who you are and what you bring, continues to shape our Collegiate Community in meaningful ways.  
Warm regards,

**Mrs Louise Erasmus**







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**Absent:** Mrs. N. Unwin



## MEMBERS OF STAFF

### MEMBERS OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TEAM

<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs L Erasmus, BA (Hons), MEd, HDE (PG) SEC
<b>Deputy Principal:</b>	Mrs S Gerber, BA, HDE Mrs A Nel, BEd (FET)
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Mrs G Agenbag, MMus, LTCL	Mr R Marriott, BSc, HED	Mr B Shone, BA HMS, DELF
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Mr J Batista, BA, PGCE, CELTA (until 03/10)	Miss Z Mbengashe, BMus, PGCE	Mr A Scholtz, BSc, HDE
Mrs T Botha, BSc (Hons), HDE	Miss B Mellet, BCom, BSc (Hons), MSc; PGCE	Mrs D Scholtz, BA, HDE
Miss L Coetzee, BA, PGCE	Mrs L Mey, MMus (until 03/10)	Ms N Timba, MA, HDE
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Miss M Hugo, BEd (Comp Sc) *	Miss K Nonkontwana, BCom (IT) **	Mrs D Weideman, BA, HDE, TEFL
Mrs Z Grobbelaar, BSc (Hons), PGCE	Miss L Potgieter, MMus, PGCE	Mrs N Winchester, BA, BEd, ACE
Mrs L Hemingway, MMus, LTCL, UTLM	Mrs C Range, MMus, LTCL, FTCL	
Mrs D Human, BCom (Acc), BEd (Hons), PGCE	Mr C Posthumus, BEd, Cert (Sports Sc)	
Miss P Kholwane, BEd (FET) (Cons Sc)	Miss J-L Reynolds, BEd (FET)	* Substitutes
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Mr Z Lali	Miss V Mhakana	Mr A Skera
Mr E Lamani	Mr S Mtetwa	
Mr Z Makhosi	Mr L Ndzandze	

### HOSTEL STAFF

<b>Waterfield House Mother:</b>	Mrs L Shone	<b>Professional Resident Tutor's Mentors:</b>
<b>Matrons:</b>	Mrs D Dell (Enrolled Nurse) Mrs L Niven (Enrolled Nurse)	<b>Seniors and Juniors:</b> Miss X Mkhonza Miss K Nonkontwana
<b>Operations Manager:</b>	Mrs L Cooper	

### HOSTEL SUPPORT STAFF

Mr X Goyi	Mr M Manda	Mrs F Mdingi	Miss N Nabo	Miss N Qubuda	Mrs M van Dyk
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This year was a mixture of heartfelt goodbyes as we bade farewell to cherished members of staff and welcomed new faces.

Mr Paul McLachlan started with us as an SMT member and the subject head of Information Technology. Miss Boikanyo Mashigo has brought fresh energy and enthusiasm into the Visual Arts Department while Miss Pretty Kholwane was a welcome addition to the Consumer Studies and Life Orientation Departments. Mrs Leana Rodrigues joined the Afrikaans Department for a term before leaving as her family relocated to Paarl. She was ably replaced by experienced educator, Mrs Sonja Cloete. Miss Khanyisa Nonkontwana was appointed as Educator Intern for the next two years and has embraced every opportunity to learn and grow, both at school and in the hostel.

*'You never really leave the place you love. Part of it you take with you and part of it you leave behind' – Unknown*

Heather Dutton left us in February after doing a wonderful job in assisting with Collegiate's sesquicentenary year as Development, Alumnae and Fundraising officer. At the end of the First Term, we bade farewell to Mrs Timmy Vincent after many years of teaching and service to the school. She has inspired and shaped many girls of the College over the years. Miss Neeta Muthayan stepped into the classroom as the new Mathematical Literacy teacher in May.

Dynamic social worker and educator, Miss Lara Hayward, left Collegiate to enter private practice. We wish her well and know her practice will thrive.

We were thrilled to welcome Old Girl of the school and past educator, Miss Jacqui van Rooyen, back into the fold in the position of teacher counsellor in the Wellness Department. Mrs Rionne Barkhuizen was replaced by Mrs Mari Grobler in the Bursar's office in the Third Term.

Mr Jacques Batista, who joined us in 2018 and left his mark on the Dramatic Arts Department, left at the end of the Third Term to take up new challenges beyond the walls of Collegiate. Miss Kerry Allen further enriched the Drama classroom, stepping in to teach in Term Four.

We were sad to say farewell to the ever-reliable and organized String maestro, Mrs Liska Mey, who taught at Collegiate for nearly twelve years. She set off on a new adventure to join her husband in Australia. We wish her every success in this exciting new chapter. We welcomed the talented Miss Marissa Roodt to our Music Department and we look forward to the impact that she will make in the years ahead.

Another staff member heading to foreign shores at the end of 2025 is Old Girl and Life Orientation teacher, Miss Leila Dos Santos, who is emigrating along with her extended family to Spain. The Dos Santos family will be missed as they have had a long association with Collegiate and are dear to our hearts.

We are going to miss talented accompanist and Piano teacher Mrs Ciska Range who is going to take up a post at our brother school, Grey, in 2026. Multi-talented Miss Lara Potgieter will move out of the English Department to replace Mrs Range.

Mrs Nicola Winchester retired at the end of 2025 after ably heading up the History Department for eleven years. Characterized by her steady, dependable manner and extensive History knowledge, Mrs Winchester has made an impact on many at Collegiate.

Another member of staff to retire at the end of Term Four was personal assistant to the principal, Mrs Yvonne Smith.

Her cheerful smile, sense of humour and efficient manner will be missed.

In addition, we said a sad goodbye to Operations Manager of the hostel, Mrs Lesley Cooper, who also retired after serving faithfully for nine years. She always made sure Waterfield House ran like clockwork.

Finally, it was hard to say goodbye to Mrs Zandri Grobbelaar who taught Physical Sciences with excellence and fulfilled her role as Grade Twelve Grade Head with passion and integrity. We wish her well as she and her family relocate to Durban.

Amidst all the staff coming and going, we also shared in some truly special celebrations in July. School Psychologist, Mrs Melissa Kelly's family grew with the birth of dear Naomi May. Congratulations to Mrs Doné Human as she and her husband welcomed precious Ruby Jean.

Mr Anton Scholz became a grandpa for the fourth time as daughter Jessica gave birth to her second child. Mrs Lynn van Dyk welcomed another grandchild, Scott, born to her daughter Jacklyn. We shared in Mrs Hanli Vlok's joy when her son, Schalk, got married in August.

As we look back on a year filled with change, growth and joy, we are reminded of what makes our school so special – a community which supports one another through every season of life. We are grateful to all who have been part of the journey in 2025 and we look forward to the year that lies ahead.

**Mrs H Carter**



STAFF REPORT











## LONG SERVICE AWARDS



**Vivian Mhakana**  
25 years



**Louise Erasmus**  
20 years



**Beverley Douglass**  
15 years



**Faniswa Mdingi**  
15 years



**Debbie van Oudtshoorn**  
10 years



**Mornette van Dyk**  
10 years



**Donovan Marshall**  
10 years



**Samantha-Gaël Marriner**  
10 years





## FAREWELL TO MRS VINCENT

Mrs Vincent joined the staff of Collegiate Girls' High School almost twenty-five years ago in January 2001. She has been such a constant and valued presence. Looking back, it is incredible to think of all that Mrs Vincent has contributed to Collegiate over these years.

The early years at Collegiate for Mrs Vincent were filled with Tennis practices, Hockey coaching, and Physical Education lessons – with Mrs Vincent based in the Sports Office, where her tireless dedication and efficiency were immediately evident. For many years, she not only organised and managed the school's Tennis programme but also coached the teams with skill, care and success. An exceptional Hockey player herself, Mrs Vincent coached the U16A Hockey team for a number of years, and even led a Collegiate Hockey tour to the Netherlands in 2006. That passion for sport came from her own school days at Clarendon High School for Girls, where her achievements were nothing short of legendary. To this day, she remains the only girl to have played First Team Hockey and Netball in the same season, earning her a place in Clarendon's sporting history. Not to mention her representation of Border in Tennis, Squash, Athletics, Netball and Hockey.

Mrs Vincent's strengths extended well beyond the sports field. As the years went by, her focus shifted from the Sports Office and Physical Education to Room 269, as a beloved Mathematics teacher and, since 2016, Head of Mathematical Literacy. Her efficiency, time management and absolute dedication to the learners have made her a cornerstone of the Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy Department. Whether it has been teaching formal classes or countless hours of tutoring and extra lessons, her commitment to helping learners succeed has always been unwavering. Mrs Vincent's care and kindness towards her learners have left a lasting impression. Though she may no longer be teaching Guidance, as she did in her first teaching post, or coaching on the courts and fields, learners today still appreciate her calm, compassionate presence as a Mathematics teacher.

Mrs Vincent's energy and commitment have not waned. Mrs Vincent gets on with her work quietly and efficiently, never



wasting a moment. Her love of reading has made her a regular visitor to our library and somehow, she still finds time to make magnificent leather bags – one of her many talents.

Mrs Vincent, has given so much to Collegiate over these nearly twenty-five years. Her dedication, efficiency, loyalty and genuine care for those around her have left a mark that will not be forgotten. We are deeply grateful for the countless hours she has spent teaching, coaching, tutoring and mentoring our learners. We thank her for the kindness and wisdom she has shared so generously.

We wish Mrs Vincent well for her next chapter. We will miss her dearly, but she will always be part of the Collegiate family.

**Mrs L Erasmus**





Mrs Nicola Winchester began at Collegiate in 2014, taking over as head of History. She arrived with a wealth of knowledge and experience, having taught at Maritzburg Girls' High for many years.

It did not take long before her capable and efficient nature became apparent. Given any task, she would complete it efficiently and well before the deadline. Many colleagues valued her role as a mentor as she was generous with her help.

She functioned as Grade Twelve Grade Head for a number of years making strong use of her mothering skills as well as her penchant for administration and organisation.

Her ability as a teacher is undoubtable. In the years she headed up History, she achieved an 80% aggregate in the NSC exams for her girls in nearly all of those years. This is a really noteworthy achievement. She is methodical and structured and the girls knew exactly where they stood with her and the results proved it.

Outside of the classroom, she had been in charge of Quiz, a Debating coach and adjudicator, helped to run Chess and was even part of Squash. All of this was undertaken with the same proactive determination to get the job done to the best of her ability.

She generously cares for those around her, often giving to the less fortunate without drawing attention to herself. An avid reader and one who cares greatly for animals, she is informed and compassionate.

Life after Collegiate will allow Mrs Winchester to give more time to her son, Gareth, and daughter, Tarryn, who has blessed her with two bright and character-filled



grandchildren – Callum and Tatum who are in Australia. She will also be able to spend more time with her parents.

We have been very lucky to have Mrs Winchester as part of the Collegiate family. Sixty-five is the magic age of retirement and we wish her everything of the best.

**Mrs D Weideman**







### HAILIE-JADE ANELISA SIMAMKELE COBOZA

6 November 2006 – 1 May 2025

The Collegiate community mourns the heart-breaking loss of Hailie-Jade Anelisa Simamkele Coboza, who passed away on 1 May 2025.

In her time at Collegiate, Hailie-Jade made a meaningful impact on those around her. She was recognised as the Most Improved U16 Netball Player in 2022, and her dedication to the sport earned her a Scroll for Netball in 2024. She played for the First Netball Team, achieving an impressive milestone of fifty caps – a testament to her commitment and athletic excellence. In 2025, she was appointed as the Spirit Head of Queen Victoria House – a role that reflected her passionate enthusiasm, spirit and natural ability to uplift those around her.

Following her tragic passing, a special assembly was held in Hailie-Jade's memory. It was a time for the school community to come together to honour her life, to express sorrow, and to support each other. A quiet tribute space was created around the *Courage* sculpture (the Collegiate girl of the past, present and future) in the quad – a peaceful corner where learners could pause, reflect, leave a message, a flower, or simply sit in silence to remember her.

Hailie-Jade will be deeply missed by her classmates, teachers, and the wider Collegiate family. Her spirit, strength, and kindness will always remain, and her memory will continue to inspire.

May she rest in peace.

**Mrs Z Grobbelaar**





**ACCOUNTING AND ECONOMIC  
MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
*Miss J Reynolds, Mrs L Riley,  
Mr C Posthumus, Mrs B Douglass*



**ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT**  
*Mrs R Barkhuizen, Mrs N Unwin,  
Mr S Kamenj, Mrs B Brooks,  
Mrs S Marriner*  
**Front Row:** *Mrs D van Oudtshoorn,  
Mrs Y Smith, Mrs L van Dyk*



**AFRIKAANS**  
*Mrs S Cloete, Miss K Marx,  
Mrs M Loubser, Mrs H Vlok, Mrs A Nel*



**SOUTHSURE FITNESS CENTRE  
BIO-KINETICISTS**  
*Miss J Alcock, Mr J Gerber*







## DEPARTMENTS

### COMPUTER APPLICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

*MR P Mclachlan, Mrs D Human,  
Mrs L Riley, Mr C Posthumus*



### CONSUMER STUDIES

*Miss P Kholwane, Mrs R Lotz, Mrs J Jooste*

### CREATIVE ARTS

*Miss L Coetzee, Miss B Mashigo,  
Mr J Batista, Mrs L Hemingway,  
Mrs G Agenbag, Miss S van Vledder,  
Miss Z Mbengashe, Miss L Potgieter*



### DRAMATIC ARTS

*Mr J Batista*





### ENGLISH

*Miss L Coetzee, Mrs L Erasmus,  
Miss L Potgieter, Miss J Kromhout,  
Mrs H Carter, Miss L Dos Santos,  
Mrs D Weideman, Mrs L Shone*



### FRENCH

*Mr B Shone, Mrs L Shone*

### GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

*Miss P Novela, Mrs S Gerber,  
Mrs N Winchester,  
Mr P Greenway, Mrs C Kelly*







## DEPARTMENTS

### ISIXHOSA

*Miss N Timba, Mrs D Douglass*



### LIFE ORIENTATION

*Back Row: Miss P Ndovela,  
Miss J van Rooyen, Mrs S Gerber,  
Miss P Kholwane, Miss L Dos Santos  
Front Row: Miss K Marx,  
Mrs H Carter, Mrs R Lotz*

### LIFE SCIENCES AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

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Mrs S Arthur, Mrs A Scholtz,  
Mrs Z Grobbelaar, Miss B Mellet*



### MATHEMATICS AND MATHEMATICAL LITERACY

*Mrs D Scholtz, Miss K Monaghan,  
Mrs A Vincent, Mrs T Botha,  
Mrs P Stephenson, Mrs S Vanderlinden*





### MUSIC

*Mr S Xotyeni, Mrs L Hemingway,  
Miss Z Mbengashe, Mrs G Agenbag,  
Mrs L Mey, Miss S van Vledder, Mrs C Range*



### SPORTS DEPARTMENT

*Mrs E Grobbelaar, Mr S Zondani,  
Mrs C Posthumus, Mrs M Gillies*

### TECHNOLOGY

*Mr A Scholtz, Miss K Monaghan*



### VISUAL ARTS

*Miss B Mashigo*



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Mr L Ndzandze, Mr A Skera*

*Front Row: Mr E Lamani,  
Mr L Mapapu, Mr S Mtetwa*



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Mrs P Dinca, Mrs N Nohana*

*Front Row: Miss A Phiri,  
Miss V Mhakana, Miss N Mgubasi*

### ESTATE MANAGEMENT

*Mr A Müller, Mr D Marshall*







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Second Row: Mrs C Hutchinson, Mrs Q Hill-Salie, Mr R Searle, Mr G Lotz, Mrs Z Grobbelaar  
Front Row: Mrs S Marriner, Mr G Kutcherera, Mrs L Erasmus, Mr F Fourie, Adv E Loyson  
Absent: Mr D Knoetze, Mrs C Heyneke*

## SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY MEMBERS

<b>Chair:</b>	Mr G Kucherera
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Adv E Loyson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Mr F Fourie
<b>Secretary:</b>	Mrs S Marriner
<b>Principal:</b>	Mrs L Erasmus
<b>Deputy Principal:</b>	Mrs S Gerber (co-opted)
<b>Parent Members:</b>	Mrs Q Hill-Salie Mr D Knoetze Mrs C Hutchinson Mr Z Zulu Mr R Searle Mr G Lotz
<b>Educator Members:</b>	Miss X Mkhonza Mrs Z Grobbelaar Mrs A Nel
<b>Non-educator Members:</b>	Mrs S Marriner – SGB Secretary
<b>Learner Members:</b>	Miss N Mitchell Miss M Wessels Miss S Mochaba
<b>Head Girl:</b>	Miss M Freercks (co-opted)
<b>OCGG Reps:</b>	Mrs C Heyneke (co-opted)
<b>Minuting Secretary:</b>	Mrs Y Smith (co-opted)





## REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL OF LEARNERS AND PREFECTS



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*Back Row:* J Paterson, S Tyakume, M Wessels, O Freercks, I Kamba, T Brito, T Gqogqa  
*Third Row:* N Mitchell, M Koen, C Yiannaros, G Naidoo, M Jordaan, L Ntsepe, H Tudhope, A Tyiso  
*Second Row:* S Searle, E Sota, A de Lange, K Spire, F Adam, E Bono, Z Campbell  
*Seated:* S Mochaba, M Freercks, Mrs L Erasmus, Mrs R Lotz, Y Mbekeni, A Filmer  
*Absent:* J Roman



### PREFECTS

*Back Row:* T Wilson, A Botha, M Djomgoue, E Ferreira, K Barton  
*Third Row:* R Coombes, A Heukelman, S du Plessis, J Friskin, A Beary, Y Davids  
*Second Row:* A Magwevana, A Porter, L Löt, A Poyana, S Mfecane  
*Seated:* M Tukulu, M Freercks, Mrs L Erasmus, Mrs R Lotz, Y Mbekeni, A Loyson





### ACADEMIC BLAZERS

*Back Row:* E Ferreira, E Horn, V Jeena, M Wessels, J Coetzee, K Nicholls, T Brito, P Stevens  
*Third Row:* J van Tonder, I Newman, K Barton, T Wilson, M Edwards, C Pieterse, Y Mbekeni, K Legg  
*Second Row:* L Papu, N Soomar, E Oliver, G Pretorius, B Shone, C Louw, M Caliste  
*Seated:* A Botha, M Freercks, Mrs L Erasmus, Mrs S Gerber, J Friskin, S du Plessis



### HOUSE CAPTAINS

*A Loyson, A Porter, Mrs L Erasmus, S du Plessis, M Tukul, E Ferreira*





## LEADERS AND MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE



### LEADERS

*Maria Freercks (Head Girl), Mrs L Erasmus, Yimitha Mbekeni (Deputy Head Girl)*



### MATRIC DANCE COMMITTEE

*Back Row: E Ferreira, M Djomgoue, E Wilson, E Horn*

*First Row: Mrs R Lotz, B Isaacs, M Rielly, N Meneguzzo, A Magwevana*

*Absent: J Roman*



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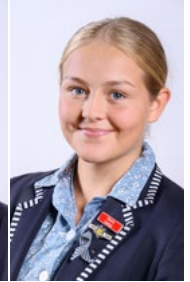
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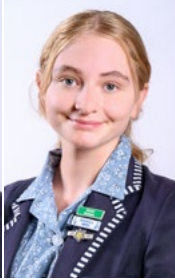
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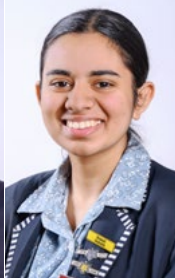
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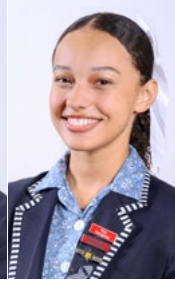
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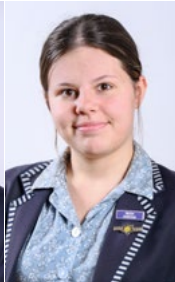
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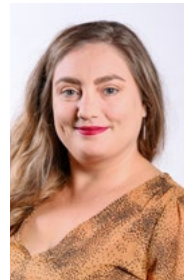
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Zipho Bavuma



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# MATRIC CLASS OF 2025 – E2



Abbey Knott



Amy Heukelman



Amy-Jade Saayman



Anna Porter



Aqhama Poyana



Carrie Davis-Taylor



Elizabeth Horn



Gabrial Barnes



Isabelle Newman



Jennifer Friskin



Jessica Hill



Jessica Jonker



Jessica Murray



Jordynn Ward



Kadré de Necker



Lauren Labercensie



Lisasa Suka



Mhlali Kolosa



Razeenah Parker



Salizwa Ntlabezo



Salizwa Tyakume



Sarah Botha



Tayla Paxton



Thina Matyholweni



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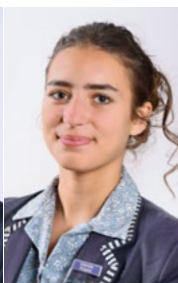
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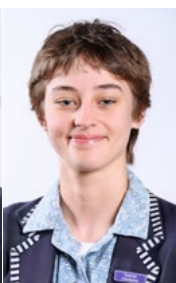
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## MATRIC CLASS OF 2025 – E4



Agcobile Magwevana



Alissa Libbrecht



Amy Bresler



Angelica Loyson



Ayema Gumenge



Brianna Isaacs



Chloë Maartens



Didintle Ledwaba



Erin Pretorius



Erin Wilson



Faatima Adam



The late Hailie-Jade Coboza



Jennifer de Kock



Jodi Assam



Kate Erasmus



Kate Rodger



Katlego Mmolutsi



Kyra Butler



Lara Lötzt



Madison Hoyle



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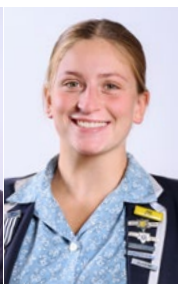
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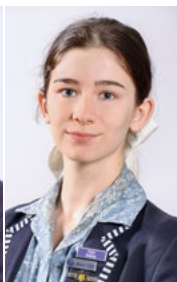
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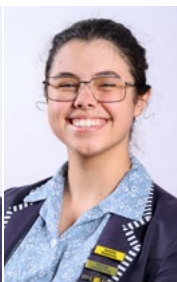
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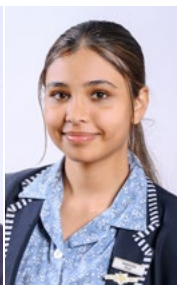
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Zimkhitha Peacock



Mrs D Scholtz





**COLLEGIATE FROM GRADE ONE TO TWELVE**

**Back Row:** H Campbell, S de Lange, G Barnes, M Freercks, C Jansen van Rensburg, C Jansen van Rensburg, M Kockott, I Klatte, A Botha, R Coombes

**Third Row:** T Raga, J Friskin, S Tyakume, A Pienaar, K Barton, E Horn, E Ferreira, T De Vos, H Dullabh, S du Plessis, K Unwin

**Second Row:** C Williams, A Ngoma, C Comley, A Kieck, G Snygans, T Paxton, C Kuchereira, I Newman, A Porter, S Ntlabezo

**Standing:** B Isaacs, A van der Merwe, M Rielly, M Hoyle, J Murray, K Rodger, T Champion, F Adam, N Primo, A Magwevana

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MATRIC CLASS OF 2025





## MATRIC DANCE

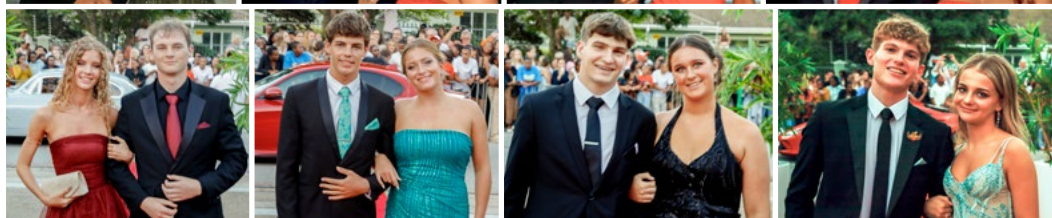
The Matric Dance was held on 1 February in the Stevenson Hall and was a night to remember. It is always much anticipated and exciting day for Collegiate girls and this year did not disappoint. From starting to plan our dream dresses on Pinterest in Grade Eight, to walking on the red carpet, it is a feeling we cannot explain.

The Matric Dance exceeded our expectations: the class of 2025 was transformed into princesses and the Stevenson Hall became a wonderland. Laughter echoed in the hall and the smiles were endless. We truly felt like celebrities as the 'paparazzi' took our pictures when we climbed out of our cars


and the crowd cheered for us. This day was truly special; it is one that will forever be treasured in our hearts.

A special thank you must go to Mrs Lotz and Mrs Vlok for all their hard work and the effort put into making the dance a success. Thank you to Mrs Erasmus for allowing us to have this magical evening. We appreciate Capitol Caterers for the lovely meal that was served to us by the efficient Grade Eleven waitresses. Everyone had a wonderful time and it was a very special privilege and opportunity for which we were all grateful.

**Elizma Ferreira**







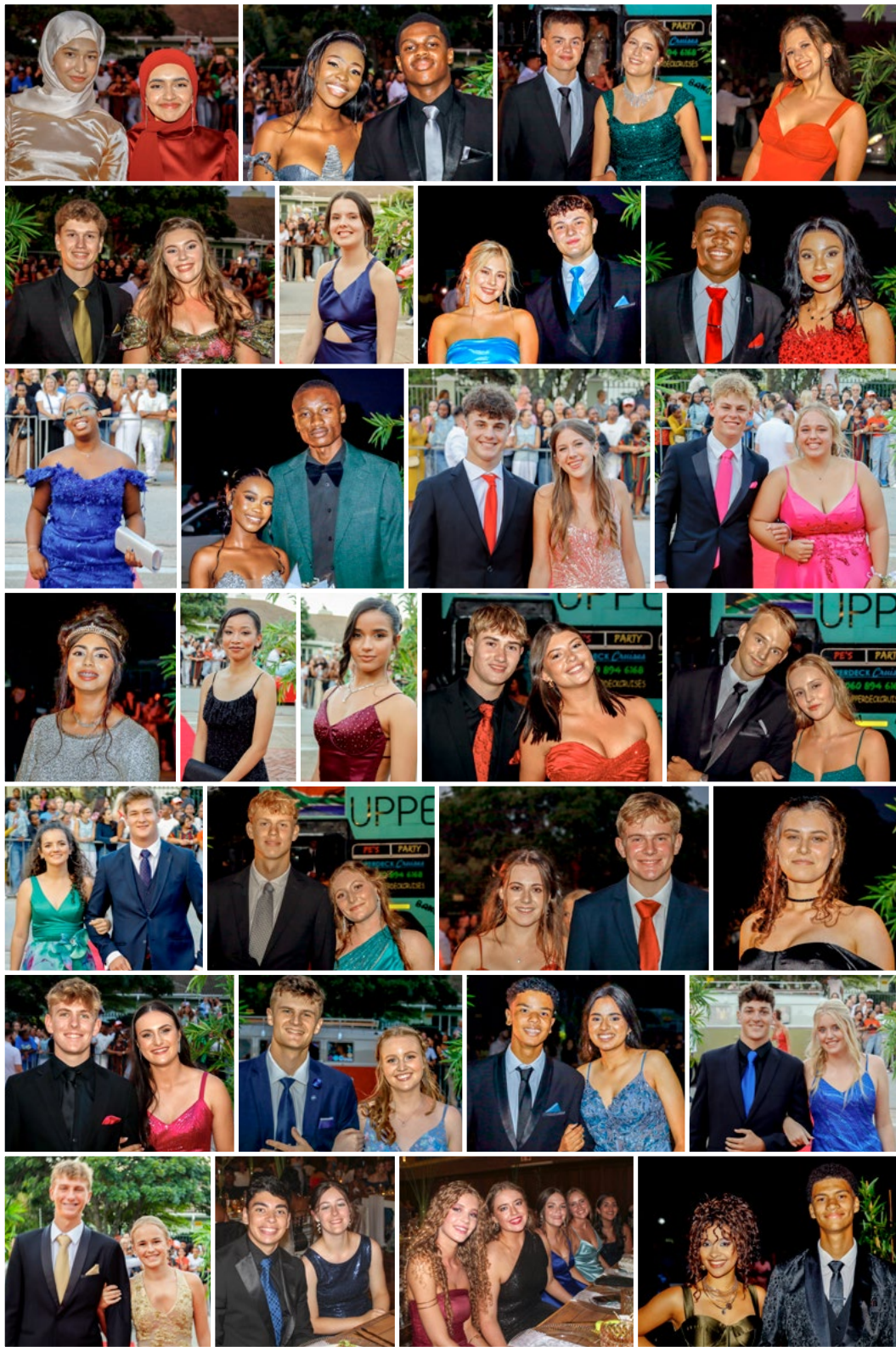
You are cordially invited to the  
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# MATRIC DANCE





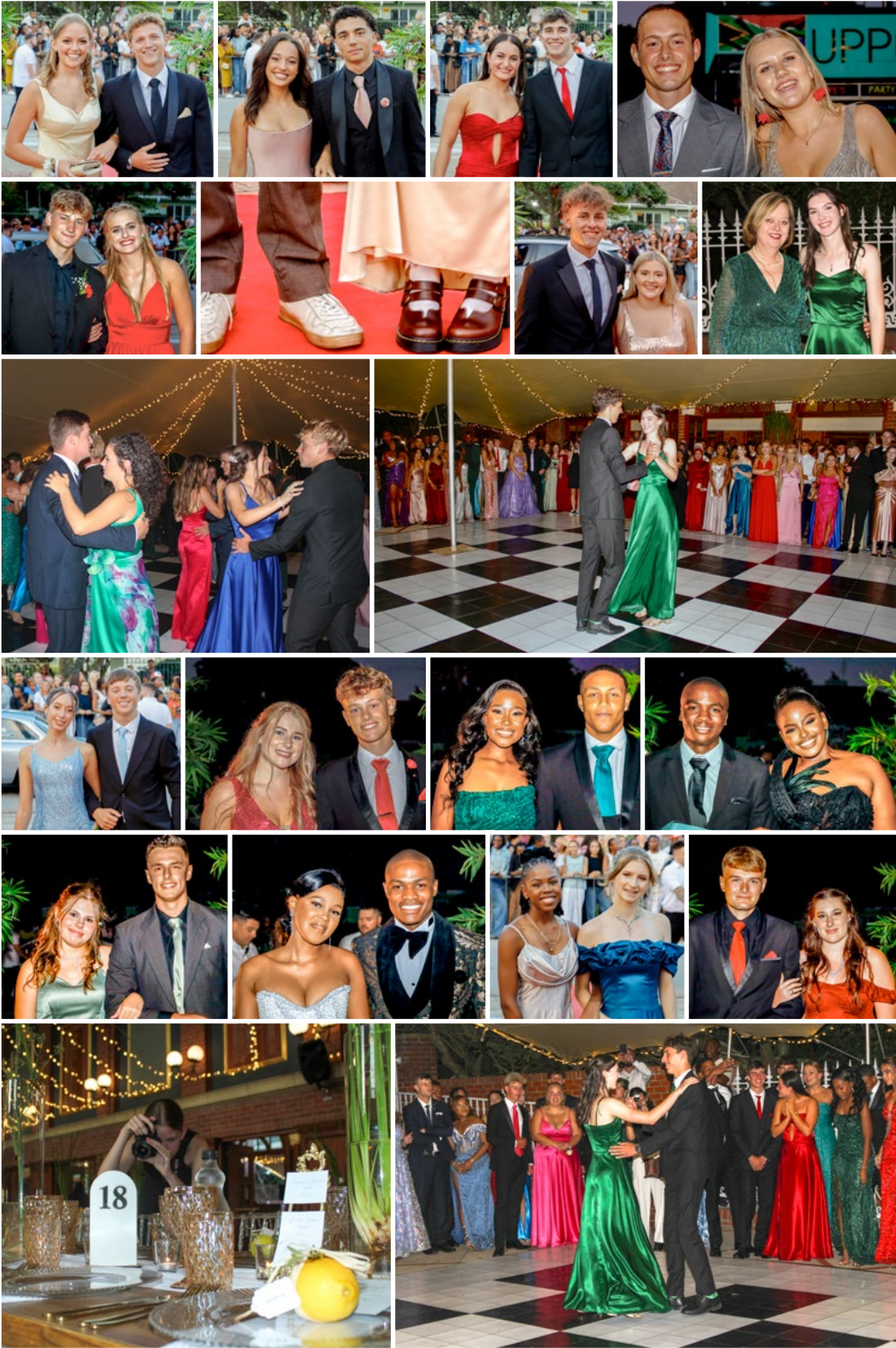
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MATRIC DANCE







Hollywood may have the Oscars but that is nothing compared with the star power, glamour and golden moments of the 2025 Matric Dinner. The Stevenson Hall was transformed with gorgeous décor into our very own 'Movie Night Première'.

The talented Grade Elevens worked hard to entertain the Matrics and the legendary High School Musical performance was neck and neck with the teachers' skit. The Matric Dinner Committee proved they knew how to 'juju on that beat' as their performance ended a most enjoyable evening.

This memorable and special evening would not have been possible without the commitment of the Grade Eleven Matric Dinner Committee. Thank you to Mrs Vlok and Mrs Lotz for all the organization and hard work. We are grateful to the TECRU and Photography girls for their work behind the scenes.

It was less 'Matric Dinner' and more 'Hollywood Debut' – a night when stars were born, scenes were stolen and the applause was real.

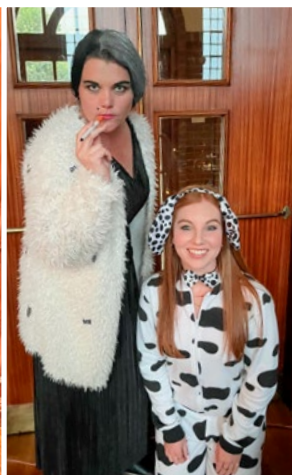
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## HEAD GIRL'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

371 001 600 seconds. That is how long it has been since 15 January 2014, the day a group of small, slightly terrified six-year-olds marched into Grade One with oversized backpacks and absolutely no idea what lay ahead.

And yes, I did do the Maths. For planning purposes on my page, of course – it is a Maths thing.

But before we celebrate this achievement today, I want to pause for a moment and remember our dear friend Hailie-Jade, who is not here with us. Let us carry her memory with us — in this moment of laughter, pride and celebration. Today, let us celebrate for her too.

If you prefer smaller numbers, however, it has been 4294 days since we first went to school, but only 1706 days since high school began. Though, depending when you asked me, I would probably say it felt both shorter and longer than that! Those 1706 days have managed to contain enough chaos, laughter and confusion to fill a lifetime so I thought I would do a quick recap.

Grade Eight in 2021 was the year of masks, online Teams meetings for all our classes, muted microphones in desperate attempts not to be questioned by the teacher and chicken feet. Not actual chicken feet but the chicken feet we all used as virtual backgrounds on Teams. Grade Eight began full of awkward silences as the Wi-Fi cut out mid-sentence and teachers started every lesson with, "Can everybody hear me?" It was a strange feeling meeting somebody's bedroom before you met them, or realising your classmate had an entirely different personality to their online persona.

Even though we did not have a proper Grade Eight camp, we did have the banana relay. Nothing says "class bonding" like swimming across the Water Polo pool in a costume while holding a banana in a plastic packet (because even the banana had to be COVID-safe). Honestly, I think the people who ate those bananas were the real heroes.

It was nice in Grade Nine finally to get a feel for what high school was like without COVID. Do you remember the false alarm when the government accidentally sent out the wrong memo saying we were all allowed to take our masks off? I was in Mr Marx's class and while the rest of us were slightly unsure of what to do, he took his off straight away.

I would like to give a special shoutout to the Grade Nine B4 class, who achieved legendary status for going on daily report for an entire term and having every lesson signed off by a teacher. It is safe to say, we all learned what not to do.

B2, on the other hand, raised the most money at the Charity Bazaar — possibly because Mr Marriott let us use his motor-bike as decoration.

Who could forget sitting outside on the Hockey fields (our break spot due to COVID), dodging water balloons from the Grey High Matrics. I do not think anyone will ever forget Mr Batista chasing after them.



Grade Ten brought new subjects and double lessons for every one of them. Feeding the fish in the pond in the quad will forever be a highlight of Physics doubles. Mr Scholtz arrived at the school in Grade Ten. This was significant because it started a love-hate relationship. Some people loved him while others were genuinely scared of him and his one metre ruler stick.

Grade Eleven was an interesting year. Mrs Weidemann became the Statue of Liberty, the school turned 150 and we all began to panic about marks that would determine our futures.

Camp was unforgettable: 48 hours of no sleep, freezing cold, constant laughter and in some cases, running laps around the camp at midnight for making too much noise. Yani, of course, could not miss her morning run and was seen jogging while the rest of us lined up for food like zombies.

Who can forget the multitude of memories we made at Carols each year – including being called out in Grade Nine because no one was sitting in height order and in Grade Eleven, having several of our descants given away to the Grade Tens because we sang them so badly.

Then came Matric. We knew the year had started well when, despite it being summer, the first day of school was actually cold enough for the Matrics to arrive in their white jerseys.

One Matric tradition after another followed and the months flew by. We were warned the year would go quickly. Our Matric Dance came and went, June exams followed close behind and, before we could blink, trials were breathing down our necks and people were advising us with wise words such as, "The warmer the blanket, the colder the future!"



This year also brought JAMF also known as 'Just A Menace Frankly'. While it did not affect the Matrics much since we were basically already finished when it launched, it seems fair to say it was not exactly universally adored. I think we all appreciated seeing the teachers themselves lead the rebellion at the Matric Dinner!

It has been an incredible journey and it is hard to believe it has come to an end. It is truly a surreal feeling. I cannot believe we will never try to sneak down the stairs without being caught by Mr Batista again or build another structurally questionable Technology project or enjoy the results of the Consumer girls' practicals or laugh about Leonie Cornips, the cow whisperer (E1 and Mrs Carter). What I can believe, however, is that there will be no more Life Orientation Projects.

To my parents, thank you for always reminding me what is important in life and for teaching me how to lead. Thank you for the support and prayers throughout my school career but especially this year. Mum, thank you, this year would not have been possible without your advice and help. To Olivia, thank you for always being honest and always being there for me.

I would also like to thank Mrs Erasmus, Mrs Lotz and the many teachers who gave me confidence, advice and encouragement this year.

Finally, Yimitha, there are no words in the world to thank you for being such an incredible friend and support this year and there is no way I could have got through this year without you. Thank you for always laughing at the problems, coming up with excellent solutions and for filtering the assembly jokes (yes, the ones you all heard were already the filtered ones).

Well, Matrics, we did it! We have reached the end of our formal years of schooling and while we may not be leaving behind world-changing inventions or groundbreaking

discoveries, we are leaving behind a few grey hairs on our teachers' heads; stress levels that should probably qualify them for hazard pay; a couple of wobbly chairs missing screws; and a collection of stories that will almost certainly be told to future grades hopefully as much as inspiration as cautionary tales.

In true Mrs Erasmus style, when I reflect on our years at Collegiate together, I am reminded of the wise words of Winnie the Pooh, "We didn't realise we were making memories; we just knew we were having fun."

*As we all go our separate ways now,  
I hope that we continue to stay in  
touch, that we continue to grow and  
that we chase every dream with the  
same heart and humour that carried  
us through these years.*

I cannot wait to see what the Class of 2025 becomes and I am looking forward to reuniting with, perhaps, the next Michelle Obama, the next Marie Curie, or the next Greta Thunberg at our reunions in the future.

It has been an incredible adventure, one I will treasure forever but I think I have delayed the inevitable long enough. It was a privilege and honour to have served as your Head Girl this year. The blue, the white and the navy will forever stay in my heart.

So, without further ado, Head Girl of 2025, signing out.

Thank you.

**Maria Freercks**





## PRINCIPAL'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

17 October 2025

Matrics, Parents, Staff and Girls, but most especially the Class of 2025,

Today we pause to mark a threshold moment — the turning of a page. One chapter closes, another begins. You arrived here as wide-eyed Grade Eights, uncertain yet eager and over these years you have grown into young women ready to step beyond these walls with courage, integrity and purpose.

For me, this class holds a special place. You were the very first group of Grade Eights I welcomed to Collegiate as Principal in 2021. I remember that day clearly – looking out at your masked faces in this very hall. Even behind those masks, I could see the mixture of nervousness and excitement in your eyes as you stepped into a new world with both apprehension and anticipation. I asked you then to look around at the boards and portraits on these walls – at the names of those who had gone before you, at the portraits of trail-blazing women and at Miss Isitt, our first Lady Principal, who had the courage to speak when the world told her she could not. I encouraged you to use your five years here to grow in character, to be loyal, to serve others, to be courageous, and to seize the opportunities before you.

This morning, as I look at you, I see how fully you have lived into that call. You have become young women of character, loyalty, service, courage and resilience. For me, it is a deeply personal and poignant moment to see that journey completed – the very first Grade Eights I greeted are now the Matrics to whom I bid farewell.

This rite of passage has been celebrated by countless Collegiate girls before you and will be lived again by those who follow. In this continuity lies the strength of our school – a sisterhood that binds the past, present and future. Wherever life may take you, you will always be part of this bond.

Parents, thank you for entrusting us with your daughters. You have partnered with us in shaping young women who are resilient, compassionate and principled. Your love and support have been the firm ground beneath their feet.

Matrics, as you prepare to leave the safety of Collegiate, you carry with you not only knowledge but values of respect, responsibility, compassion, integrity and a good work ethic. These will be your compass more than any map, guiding you through the uncharted paths of adulthood.

Allow me to offer you three thoughts as you set out:

### **Remain anchored in your values.**

When the world tempts you to compromise, let integrity be your anchor and truth your guide.

### **Nurture courage.**

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the decision to move forward despite it. Remember the Courage sculpture on our



grounds: it reminds us that courage is timeless, and that you too can face uncertainty with strength.

### **Choose kindness.**

Even when it costs you, even when it seems unseen, choose kindness. For kindness is never wasted; it multiplies far beyond what you can imagine.

And so, Class of 2025, take with you both roots and wings. Roots in your families, your friendships and in the values of Collegiate. Wings to dream boldly, to live fully, and to make a difference.

I leave you with these words from Samuel Ullman's poem *Youth*:

*Youth is not a time of life; it is a state of mind.*

*It is not a matter of rosy cheeks, red lips and supple knees.*

*It is a matter of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigour of the emotions; it is the freshness of the deep springs of life.*

*Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry, fear, self-distrust bows the heart and turns the spirit back to dust.*

*Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the unfailing childlike appetite of what's next, and the joy of the game of living.*

Class of 2025, may you carry this spirit of youth with you always. Go into the world determined to make a difference, to live lives of meaning, guided by your values, sustained by courage, and inspired by kindness.

**Mrs L Erasmus**



Good morning, Mrs Erasmus, Staff, Parents, Guardians, Girls of the College and especially the Matric class of 2025. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today.

Grade Twelves, your year was a year of lasts. It began with you – bright eyed and bushy tailed at the Parent Information Evening (where I am pretty sure most of the information went in one ear and out the other, much to your teachers' dismay). Then came the last lessons; Inter-House events; Old Pot/New Pot catch-ups; House Days; Rites of Passage Assembly; Matric Dance; Fashion Show; Founders' Day; Mid-year Examinations; Charity Bazaar; Trial Examinations; Boarder Banquet; Matric Dinner; Cultural and Sport Awards; Speech Night and finally, today, Valedictory. I truly hope you made the most of it because it is over now.

The collective lessons and moments that have shaped your high school experience did not happen by chance. Behind them are many people whose influence and support deserve recognition. Firstly, a heartfelt thank you to all the Grade Twelve parents and guardians. Matrics, be kind to your parents – it is also *their* first time living and never underestimate just how much they have done and will continue to do for you.

Next, we owe a sincere thank you to the teachers who have guided, nudged, encouraged and occasionally begged you along this journey. To those who went above and beyond to help you reach this moment – we are deeply grateful. A special word of thanks also goes to our incredible support teams: the administrative staff, the Sports and Cultural staff, the Counselling Department, the grounds staff and our ever-watchful security team. Some things have to be felt to be understood and we certainly feel and appreciate your presence every single day.

To our Matric team: Mrs Winchester, Ms Kromhout, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Scholtz, Mrs Kelly, Miss van Vledder and Mr Scholtz, thank you for your unwavering devotion and for fighting the behind-the-scenes, rarely spoken-of battles on



behalf of the Grade Twelves.

To Mrs Lotz, Maria, Yimitha and your team of Prefects, what a wonderful job you have done as leaders and ambassadors of our school. May the lessons you have learnt and the memories you have made remain safe in your hearts. Remember that "A mistake that makes you humble is better than an achievement that makes you arrogant." (Arsalan Moin). May you always remain humble, no matter where life leads you next.

To quote a poem by Walt Whitman: "O Captain! My Captain!". Mrs Erasmus, Mrs Gerber and Mrs Nel, thank you for your steady guidance, encouragement and humour. Without you, we would all be standing around like characters in a Sims game, waiting for someone to click and tell us what we should do next.

Matrics, here we are — a moment that feels both joyful and a little bittersweet for me as your Grade Head. You see, you and I have shared the Collegiate Girls' High School experience







## GRADE HEAD'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

– though I may be ending it with a few more grey hairs than you. We weathered masks and online lessons, the excitement and fatigue that came when life returned to 'normal', subject choices, leadership opportunities, friendships, loss and all the wonderful chaos that make high school life so memorable.

We celebrated the sesquicentennial and of course, your Matric year – milestones that marked both growth and the quiet passing of time. But what I will remember the most are the smaller things: the class discussions that wandered far from the syllabus, the debates that had nothing to do with schoolwork, and those conversations that seemed to be about nothing, yet somehow about everything. It has been a privilege to share in your journey – to watch you grow, question, laugh, push boundaries and become the young women you are today.

Of course, I cannot let this moment pass without acknowledging something important. Teenagers, especially those of the female variety, are truly special. You are in that fascinating phase where you are equal parts philosopher, comedian and, on occasion, a sleep-deprived drama queen. Somehow, you manage to juggle the demands of school, friendships, and ever-changing trends, all while perfecting the art of indifference and debating whether washing your hair today is really worth the effort.

*But beneath all of that lies something remarkable – a spark of creativity, courage and compassion that sets you apart. You bring colour, depth and vitality to everything you touch. You are part of a legacy of strong, capable and extraordinary women and you continue to shape that legacy in your own unique and beautiful way. Just remember to know the difference between enjoying your life and destroying your future.*

Looking ahead, keep these words close to heart: "If the path before you is clear, you're probably walking on someone else's." (Arsalan Moin). So, take a moment to think about what

you will take ownership of. It does not need to be complicated. Start small, but start with intent. Choose something to nurture, to grow, to take responsibility for. You will make mistakes, we all do, but "it's far better to admit that you've walked through the wrong door than to spend the rest of your life standing in the wrong room." (Arsalan Moin). Keep moving forward and do not burden yourself by trying to imagine your whole life at once. The real joy, the real beauty, lies in the small, ordinary moments, the everyday things that make up a life well lived.

You have been part of a school with a rich and proud history but now it is time for you to begin building your own legacy. You have the intelligence, the heart and the spirit to do just that. So, as you step into this next chapter, know that you hold the power to write your own story. In kindness, be bold. In courage, be brave. In all that you do, know that we are so very proud of all that you have achieved so far.

I will leave you with the words of Virginia Woolf:

"Whatever happens, stay alive.

Don't die before you're dead.

Don't lose yourself, don't lose hope,  
don't lose direction.

Stay alive, with yourself, with every cell of your body, with every fibre of your skin.

Stay alive, learn, study, think, read, build,  
invent, create, speak, write, dream, design.

Stay alive, stay alive inside you, stay alive also outside, fill yourself with colours of the world,  
fill yourself with peace, fill yourself with hope.

Stay alive with joy.

There is only one thing you should not waste in life, and that's life itself..."

Goodbye Matrics, we have loved you as best we could.

**Mrs Z Grobbelaar**









## QUEEN ALEXANDRA HOUSE

<b>House Captain:</b>	Angelica Loyson
<b>Head of House:</b>	Miss P Ndovela
<b>House Committee:</b>	Katlego Mmolutsi, Amy-Jade Saayman, Gemma Bower, Meca Rielly, Isabella Hendricks
<b>Staff:</b>	Mrs Agenbag, Mr Batista, Mrs Douglass, Mrs C Kelly, Mr Marriott, Miss Reynolds, Miss Timba, Mrs Winchester, Miss van Vledder, Mrs van Dyk, Mr Kameni

The 2025 school year was one to remember for Queen Alexandra House. Under the banner of our theme, “Alex Athenians”, we embraced wisdom, strength and unity.

From Term One it was clear that this would be a special year for Queen Alexandra House. Our House members approached the year with energy and enthusiasm. Academically, our hard work and persistence paid off as Queen Alexandra House proudly claimed the Academic Cup at Speech Night. This achievement reflected not only our dedication to excellence but also the quiet determination that has defined our House.

On the sports field, we carried that same determination into every match and game. We triumphed in Netball, Tennis and Cross Country, showing not only our skill but also our unity and fighting spirit. In Athletics and Swimming, our athletes gave strong performances that highlighted both talent and perseverance. Whether we were sprinting across the finish line, diving into the pool or cheering from the sidelines, the

Alex spirit was alive. Throughout 2025, Alexandra House continued to excel. The “Alex Athenians” proved that our strength lies in our diversity and determination. Every individual effort – big or small – contributed to the spirit and success of the House.

One of the greatest highlights of the year was the annual vegetable cutting for ‘Love Story’ to use in their soup kitchen. This event was a reminder that our achievements mean even more when they are shared with the community. It was not just about chopping vegetables, it was about connection, kindness and the joy of giving together as we lived out Collegiate’s motto, ‘Facta non Verba’.

On Queen Alexandra House Day, Mr Thobela Thoba (Coach T) was our guest speaker. He is an Athletics coach, fitness trainer, businessman and entrepreneur. His motivating and entertaining address inspired many.

Thank you to the Alexandra House Committee who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that each event ran smoothly and that members felt valued and included. A special thank you goes to Miss Ndovela, our wonderful Head of House, for her patience, care and unwavering support and to our dedicated staff team whose encouragement and enthusiasm kept us motivated.

May we continue to lead with kindness, compete with courage and give back with gratitude because that is what it means to be part of Queen Alexandra House.

Here’s to the “Alex Athenians” – wise in heart, strong in spirit, and united in purpos









## QUEEN ELIZABETH HOUSE

<b>House Captain:</b>	Anna Porter
<b>House Head:</b>	Miss Monaghan
<b>House Committee:</b>	Camryn Robinson, Isabelle Newman, Salizwa Tyakume, Yanelisa Nomoyi, Zipho Bavuma
<b>Staff:</b>	Mrs Arthur, Mrs Botha, Mr Greenway, Mrs Human, Mrs Nel, Mrs Range, Mrs Vanderlinden, Mrs Vlok, Mrs Unwin, Mrs Van Oudtshoorn

This year has been an interesting year for Queen Elizabeth House. Our theme this year was “Lizzy Lifeguards” and the year has flown by.

The year started with Inter-House Athletics Day and although we did not take first place, the girls showed determination and enthusiasm. Later in the term, we showed off our skills at Inter-House Aquatics Day. The Queen Elizabeth girls were intent on giving their all and for their efforts they came second.

Queen Elizabeth House showed off their dramatic skills at the Inter-House Plays where we performed “This is a Test” and were awarded Best Play. Camryn Robinson and Sophia Wood were the directors of the play and won the title of Best Directors. Katherine Wilson was awarded a joint Best Actress

prize. We want to thank all the Queen Elizabeth girls who were part of Inter-House plays for their commitment.

Our Inter-House sports week was filled with laughter and fun as the Queen Elizabeth girls tried their hardest to win across the sports. In both the Hockey and the Netball, the teams tried their best and had lots of fun competing against the other Houses. This year E-Sports was added and we came second. Queen Elizabeth also finished in second place for Inter-House Squash. Inter-House Tennis was an enjoyable experience where we focused on having fun while competing. The Cross-Country event was an enjoyable and energy-filled experience.

We were fortunate to celebrate our Fiftieth Queen Elizabeth House Day with Tegan Fourie, South African Women's Hockey Player, sharing her story. She taught us never to give up on our dreams and always to live life in the moment.

This year was filled with great memories and inspiring moments. It was such an honour to be the Queen Elizabeth House Captain. Although the year had its ups and downs, the Queen Elizabeth girls showed courage and enthusiasm. Thank you to the Queen Elizabeth House Committee for all their help with the Inter-House events and to Miss Monaghan for being such a great House Head. I wish the next Queen Elizabeth House Captain well for 2026.









## QUEEN MARY HOUSE

<b>House Captain:</b>	Shanna du Plessis
<b>House Head:</b>	Mrs E Grobbelaar
<b>House Committee:</b>	Tanith Brito, Elizabeth Horn, Laqhama Qwane, Alexa van Der Merwe, Yonda Ngongo
<b>Staff:</b>	Mrs Gerber, Mrs Loubser, Mrs Lotz, Miss Marx, Miss Mashigo, Mrs Mey, Miss Potgieter, Mrs Riley, Mrs Weideman, Mr Müller

2025 was an exciting and memorable year for Queen Mary House. It has been an honour and a privilege to be the Mary House Captain. This year our theme was the 'Green Glitter Bombs' and we really embrace it in all its vibrancy.

We started the year off strong with the Inter-House Athletics Day. The Queen Mary athletes shone and gave their best while being energetically cheered on by their fellow Queen Mary supporters.

In Term One, we celebrated Queen Mary House Day, the first House Day of the year. We were lucky to be addressed by Virginia Solomons. She shared her inspirational story about how she overcame the tragedy of being burnt in a fire at only 22 months old. She inspired us to be confident in ourselves and not to let our past get in the way of our future successes in life.

Inter-House Aquatics Day was the next event on the calendar and was one of the highlights of the year. The Queen Mary swimmers showcased their outstanding abilities in the pool

and we emerged victorious. Queen Mary House also won the Inter-House Water Polo and we are most proud of our girls.

Another highlight for Queen Mary was the success of our girls at the annual Inter-House Plays. The girls shone on stage and Queen Mary won the Best Supporting Actress award.

Term Three was a busy term and we started off with Inter-House Debating. Our debaters did us proud and we secured a place in the final, finishing second. The Inter-House sports week was very exciting with Netball, Hockey, Squash, Tennis, Cross Country, Chess and E-Sports competitions taking place. We achieved an impressive second place in both Hockey and Netball and third place in both Cross Country and Chess. We are very proud of everyone who participated with enthusiasm and spirit during this week.

Queen Mary House supported the Wagtails Charity Shop which collects and sells items to raise funds for the Animal Welfare Society. The girls spring-cleaned their cupboards and donated old items such as clothes and books for this worthy initiative.

I would like to thank Mrs Grobbelaar for her continued support, hard work and guidance throughout the year.

A big thank you goes to the incredible Mary House Committee. The year was unforgettable and I am grateful for an excellent team.

Lastly, thank you to all the proud Queen Mary House members for all they contributed this year. I trust that the Queen Mary flag will continue to fly high. I am so proud to have been a member of Queen Mary House.









## ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE HOUSE

<b>House Captain:</b>	Milisa Tukulu
<b>House Head:</b>	Mrs Shone
<b>House Committee:</b>	Sebabatso Mochaba, Andrea Ferreira, Nia Farrell, Darcey Brown, Nina Meneguzzo
<b>Staff:</b>	Mrs Coetzee, Mrs Z Grobbelaar, Mrs Jooste, Miss Mbengashe, Miss Mellet, Miss Mkhonza, Mrs Scholtz, Mr Scholtz, Mr Shone, Miss Nonkontwana, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Smith, Mr Zondani

To start 2025, the Bodas had their annual In-Weekend on the first weekend of the term. This was an opportunity for the girls to spend time together and truly experience what it means to be a Boda. This weekend consisted of fun activities and games like music trivia. During the First Term, Inter-House Athletics Day and Inter-House Aquatics Day took place. The girls of St Michael and St George showed true sportmanship and signed up for as many events as they could. Although athleticism is not a strength of the Bodas, the girls still put their best foot forward and participated with determination and spirit.

In the Second Term it was St Michael and St George's House Day. We had the honour of having Mrs Michelle Scowby as a guest speaker. She left a mark on the girls by sharing her story of what it is like to be a woman in a male-dominated field. Mrs Scowby advised the girls to never be defined by their gender and always to pursue their dreams, even if they are the first girl to do so. The Inter-House plays also took place in the Second Term. The Bodas performed a play called 'The Ghosts of Detention' directed by Lara Löt, Andrea Ferreira

and Milisa Tukulu. After many weeks of rehearsals, the cast owned the stage by channelling their inner actresses and creating memorable comedic moments in the process. On the last day of the Second Term, the Inter-House Quiz was held, where St Michael and St George placed second, after narrowly losing to Queen Alexandra.

Term Three consisted of Inter-House Debating and the Inter-House sports week. Unfortunately, our Debating team lost by half a point during the first round of the competition. We are proud of the Debating team for putting their argumentative skills to the test and doing their best. During Inter-House sports week, the Saints only placed in the last position once in a total of seven sports and won the Inter-House Squash. I am extremely proud of the girls who participated in their respective events. This is an outstanding achievement for the Bodas.

During the course of the year, St Michael and St George supported the Khazimla Project. This is a charity that the Bodas have been partnering with for the last few years. It is an initiative which supplies sanitary pads to girls who are less fortunate and do not have access to these essential items. The girls give up their time once a week to pack these items.

Throughout the year, the Bodas have kept their reputation of having the most spirit. We have sung and cheered our lungs out at all Inter-House events this year. Thank you to Mrs Shone for coming into a new environment with an open mind and heart, and embracing the hostel for what it is. Thank you to the unsung heroes of hostel: the matrons, Mrs Dell, Mrs Niven and Mrs Cooper; the academic staff; support staff; and Capitol Caterers. Most of all thank you to all the girls of St Michael and St George for supporting me as House Captain in 2025. The past five years have been the best part of high school. To serve in this position has been an honour and a privilege.









## QUEEN VICTORIA HOUSE

<b>House Captain:</b>	Elizma Ferreira
<b>House Head:</b>	Mrs Hemingway
<b>House Committee:</b>	Aimee Pienaar, Brianna Isaacs, Laura Labercensie, Jordyn-Leigh Roman, Hailie-Jade Coboza
<b>Staff:</b>	Mrs Carter, Miss Dos Santos, Mr Marshall, Miss Kholwane, Ms J Kromhout, Mr Posthumus, Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Marriner, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Gillies, Mrs Posthumus, Mrs Cloete

Queen Victoria's theme for 2025 was 'Vicky Vogue'. In preparation for the year, a fabulous photo shoot took place, capturing some photos that were worthy of the cover of Vogue magazine.

We started the year with a bang. Our energetic entrance on Inter-House Athletics Day – cheering and jumping in the heat while wearing our high heel boots – was definitely memorable. The Matrics applied a lot of sunscreen to prevent having pink faces for the Matric Dance the next day. We were thrilled to win first place at Inter-House Athletics Day. Inter-House Aquatics Day was also enjoyable and we narrowly missed coming first.

I had the privilege of working with a talented and dedicated group of girls during Term Two as part of the Inter-House Plays. It was an amazing experience and as cast members we made so many memories. Our performance made the audience's laughter echo through the corridors. Queen Victoria House received a special mention from the adjudicator, congratulating the directors. The adjudicator also complimented each Queen Victoria actress on how they brought their characters to life. Aphumle Nofemele was named Best Supporting Actress. I am grateful to the group of girls and to everyone who helped to put on a successful play which took

many hours of dedication, work and discipline.

Queen Victoria House Day was a successful and heart-warming day. It was a privilege to have Athenkosi Mayinje, from the Kolisi Foundation come and speak to us. The Collegiate girls enjoyed his eye-opening and inspiring address.

Queen Victoria's charity for the year was 'Cherished Baby'. This charity does wonderful work, improving the lives of so many babies and mothers. It was a mind-altering experience to help this charity by collecting special items for them, knowing that we were changing lives and making a difference.

Term Three started with Inter-House Debating. Queen Victoria House was the underdog, having only one girl in the team who did debating. Despite the challenge, Queen Victoria was awarded first place – winning all three debates. Thank you to the hardworking team of debaters. We are so proud of you!

Queen Victoria played their hearts out and placed first in the Inter-House Hockey. The girls ran like lightning and four girls placed in the top ten for the Cross-Country. The Chess girls strategically placed their last move and placed first. We could not be prouder of the end result.

I would like to end off with a tribute to our beloved Queen Victoria House Committee Member who was taken from us too soon. Hailie-Jade Coboza was the definition of a heart full of spirit, passion and a core member of Queen Victoria House. The year was not the same without her. It is always special to hear the Queen Victoria girls boldly singing Hailie-Jade's cheer. This is testament to what she meant to us. Hailie-Jade will be remembered for many years to come.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have led Queen Victoria House this year. It was more than just a Prefect position – it was an honour to carry the purple flag high. Thank you to Mrs Hemingway and our House Committee, Staff and, most importantly, Queen Victoria girls for making this year so memorable.









Nothing could have prepared me for the energy, busyness and “go, go, go” pace that awaited me when I took over the role of Hostel Mother at the beginning of the year. Having 97 boarders in one’s care is a daunting task, yet it has been made so easy by the girls of Waterfield House. Their spirit and vibrancy have made what could have been an onerous job, a delightfully rewarding one.

The year began with excitement as our boarders returned for what promised to be a memorable year. The compulsory ‘In-Weekend’ was filled with laughter and connection — from dress-ups and war cries to a music trivia evening, a trip to the water slides, and the much-anticipated visit to the Grey hostel. These activities helped our girls bond across grades, turning strangers into sisters and hostel into a home.

This year, we proudly renewed our commitment to the Khazimla Project, a community outreach initiative supporting young girls in need, by repacking and distributing sanitary products to local junior schools. Our boarders approached this task with compassion and maturity, embodying the values of empathy and service that we hold dear.

We also celebrated St Michael and St George House Day, with guest speaker Mrs Michelle Scowby, a respected local physiotherapist who shared her experiences as part of Team Toyota Gazoo in the 2024 Dakar Rally. Her message of perseverance and faith in the face of adversity resonated deeply with our girls.

Our calendar has been filled with memorable events that strengthened our sense of community. Highlights included the Valentine’s social with the Grey boarders, a “supper and swim” at the school pool and informal get-togethers complete with post-supper s’mores. The Grade Eleven Committee also outdid themselves later in the year with a talent show, where laughter, applause and cheering filled the Stevenson Hall. From soulful singing to witty skits, the night showcased the creativity and sense of fun inherent in our girls. We also hosted the Mr and Miss Merrifield event, which proved to be an evening of fun with a touch of glamour, while rekindling friendships with the Merriway boarders. Heritage Day was another standout celebration, organised by our Grade Eleven Committee. A boerewors braai complete with traditional sides set the tone for a joyous evening that included a movie night featuring the South African classic Spud. The girls turned back the clock by playing highly competitive games of musical chairs and hide-and-seek, and participated in a lively scavenger hunt. The day reminded us all of the joy that comes from setting aside our phones, embracing the outdoors and enjoying life’s simple pleasures.

A magical, memorable Boarder Banquet was hosted by the Matrics at the beginning of the fourth term, which allowed our girls to “glam up” and celebrate in true “Boda” style. The year would not have been complete without the much-loved Christmas Dinner to mark off another successful year.



Dressing to the “Gatsby” theme, our girls ensured the spirit of giving was practised as they exchanged gifts in the Secret Santa tradition.

The boarders’ enthusiasm carried through to the Inter-House competitions, where they proudly brought home the Squash Trophy and placed strongly in some of the other pursuits. However, nothing gave us more joy than being awarded the Spirit Cup at Prize Giving.

This year also marked exciting progress on the facilities’ front. All four bathrooms were beautifully renovated, much to the delight of our girls. Further upgrades, including painting the prep, chat and TV rooms and sanding dormitory floors, have ensured that our hostel remains both inviting and well-maintained.

Our boarders showed their commitment to the hostel community by raising R7 000 during the Founders’ Weekend raffle — a wonderful achievement that reflects their teamwork and initiative.

Under the capable leadership of Milisa Tukulu, our Head of Hostel, and Lara Löt, her deputy, the 2025 Hostel Prefects and House Committee have ensured the spirit of the “bodas” has burned as brightly as ever. We are sincerely grateful for the example they set for the younger grades, and for the legacy that they leave behind in Waterfield House.

We look ahead to 2026 with excitement as our new Head of Hostel, Kelly Legg, takes the reins. We are confident that she and her team of Prefects: Lilian Krige (deputy head), Nina Mitchell, Giana Pretorius, Kungawo Spire and Lea Vermaak will build on the strong foundation laid by those who have gone before them. We wish them a successful year ahead.

My gratitude extends to the dedicated matrons, Mrs Dell and Mrs Niven, as well as our behind-the-scenes heroes — the kitchen, laundry and support staff — whose efforts keep the house running like clockwork and whose care ensures a



## HOSTEL STAFF

*Back Row: Miss X Mkhonza, Mrs N Qubuda, Miss N Nabo, Mrs F Mdingi, Mr X Goyi,  
Front Row: Miss K Nonkontwana, Mrs L Cooper, Mrs L Shone, Mrs L Niven, Mrs D Dell  
Absent: Mrs M van Dyk*



## HOSTEL PREFECTS

*Back Row: T Bettridge; Y Davids; A Heukelman; Y Mbekeni; A Poyana  
Seated: M Tukululu (Head Girl of Hostel); Mrs L Shone; L Lötz (Deputy Head Girl of Hostel)*





## WATERFIELD HOUSE

nurturing environment for all our boarders. With that being said, it is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to Mrs Cooper, our dearly loved Operations Manager. After nine years at Waterfield House, she has become part of the furniture and one who we grudgingly release into retirement. Her strong sense of getting things done and getting them done properly has ensured the seamless day-to-day running of the hostel. Despite her no-nonsense approach, she never failed to sprinkle her fairy dust on every special event she had a hand in organising. She will be greatly missed by all.

As 2025 comes to an end, one truth remains clear: in every cheer, every shared meal and every late-night



conversation, the spirit of Waterfield House shines brightly — a spirit that is defined by energy, compassion and an unbreakable sisterhood. I am very proud to be part of the Waterfield House family.

The following awards were made at our recent Boarder Banquet:

The Sam Beynon Floating Trophy – this trophy is awarded to a boarder who is loyal, enthusiastic, and has time for everyone. She loves the Hostel, the girls, and the staff and is, in turn, loved and respected by all: Yaanah Davids

The Ena Quin Cup – this cup is awarded to the most courteous and helpful boarder: Milisa Tukulu.

**Mrs L Shone**



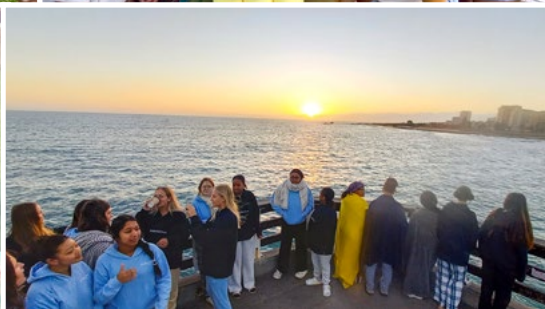








## WATERFIELD HOUSE







The first event of the Collegiate Athletics season was the Inter-House Athletics Competition followed by the Zonal meeting at the Westbourne Oval. Some of our athletes qualified for the PE High Schools Event where many of our athletes were stars of the track and field as they represented our school with pride and achieved excellent results.

<b>U14</b>	<b>Sophia Jansen:</b> First in 400m & 800m <b>Mia Jordaan:</b> Second in 400m <b>Amy Jordaan:</b> First in 90m Hurdles <b>Likho-Ithemba Ndawo:</b> Second in 90m Hurdles and Fourth in 1500m <b>Kaitlyn Richter:</b> Second in 1500m
<b>U16</b>	<b>Olivia Freercks:</b> First in Long Jump
<b>U17</b>	<b>Milla Delport:</b> Second in Javelin <b>Bronwyn Shone:</b> Second in 100m and Second in 200m <b>Jenna Coetzee:</b> First in 800m <b>Nina Mitchell:</b> Third in 100m Hurdles
<b>U19</b>	<b>Kadré de Necker:</b> Third in Javelin <b>Yanelisa Nomoyi:</b> Third in 200m and Second in 400m

Practices with Mr Harmse were a highlight every week and made the year a truly memorable one. Our athletes had a fantastic season whether it was on the field during practices or at the track during an Athletics meeting. None of this would have been possible without Mrs Grobbelaar, Head of Athletics, and our coach, Mr Harmse. We are grateful for your support.

I am blessed to have been the 2025 Athletics Captain. It was wonderful meeting so many people and seeing girls thrive in their respective events. I am extremely proud of all the girls and wish them well for the 2026 Athletics season.

**Simóné de Lange**



## ATHLETICS

*Back Row:* A Fisser, S Kruger, M Freercks, O Freercks, I Kamba, K de Necker

*Third Row:* Y Nomoyi, J Hill, M Nkayi, C Martin, S Jansen, M Jordaan, L Ndawo

*Second Row:* Mrs E Grobbelaar, Y Davids, L Mrawusi, M Woolward, I Mkuhlu, M Marubini, J Jamieson

*Front Row:* J de Lange, K Richter, A Jordaan, I Rudman, R Malgas, H van der Riet, S de Lange





## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS DAY

Collegiate's annual Inter-House Athletics Day was held at the Westbourne Oval on 31 January. Despite it taking place the day before the Matric Dance, the girls arrived filled with determination and lathered in sunblock. The stands were bursting with enthusiastic athletes and spectators proudly displaying their house colours. With cheers echoing around the Oval, the athletes took to the track in high spirits and ended the day beaming with pride.

The Matrics and Grade Eights' three-legged race was filled with laughter and cheering as they made their way across the field.

Congratulations to Queen Victoria House for emerging victorious on the day, as well as Olivia Freercks for breaking the U16 1500m record.

We extend our gratitude to Mrs Grobbelaar, the Sports Department and all the staff who helped to make this year's Athletics Day a success.

**Simoné de Lange**











## ARTISTIC SWIMMING

It has been an honour and a privilege to have been part of the Artistic Swimming Team for five years. The Artistic Swimmers are a tight-knit group of girls who thoroughly enjoy their training sessions together.

A highlight every year is our Artistic Swimming display at Inter-House Aquatics Day. This is a chance for us to showcase our routines to the school.

The Artistic Swimmers did well in East London when they competed in the Eastern Cape Schools' Synchro Challenge. Abigail Horowitz placed second and Gemma Blochlinger third in the Level One figures category. In the Level Two category, (13-15 age group) Shiloh Walsh placed first and, together with Hannah Charedzera, they placed second in their duet. In the Level Two U15 and over category, Shanna du Plessis placed first, followed by Jordyn-Leigh Roman in second place. They placed first for their duet. In the Level Three category, Aneesah Lindoor placed second and together with Kim Dell-Robertson, they placed first for their duet.

We would like to congratulate Aneesah Lindoor on her excellent Artistic Swimming achievements this season. Aneesah participated at the South African Junior Nationals in Durban and achieved Gold for Junior Tech Solo, Bronze for Junior Free Solo and Gold for Junior Tech Team. She also represented South Africa at the 22nd World Aquatics Championships held in Singapore. She achieved 20th position overall for Free Team and 25th place overall for Tech



Team. We are extremely proud of Aneesah.

A special thank you to Mrs Arthur, our team manager and 'mom' when needed. Thank you to Mrs Norden, our coach. Your hard work is greatly appreciated and does not go unnoticed. Thank you for creating a space where girls feel comfortable to be themselves and grow. It has been a wonderful year.

**Jordyn-Leigh Roman**



### ARTISTIC SWIMMING

*Back Row: Mrs M Norden, K Dell-Robertson, S du Plessis, L Hutchinson, H Campbell, K Erasmus, A Horowitz, Mrs S Arthur*  
*Front Row: S Walsh, U Sonqishe, G Blochlinger, A Tyiso, A Lindoor, H Charedzera, J Roman*









## CHESS

This year has been a particularly busy and rewarding one. From the outset, our Chess players demonstrated commitment, enthusiasm and a willingness to embrace both the challenges and the joys that come with the game.

Collegiate entered one team into the NMB Schools' League this year and we were delighted to welcome several enthusiastic newcomers who have become essential members of our team. The A Team did well, playing many schools around Gqeberha and the team spirit remained strong.

Collegiate's top four Chess girls, accompanied by Miss van Vledder, participated in the National All Girls' Festival held in Cape Town. The event gave our girls a chance to learn, grow closer as friends and make a lot of fun-filled memories. Collegiate placed sixth out of thirteen teams.

Our First Team participated in numerous Derby Days throughout the course of the year. While we experienced some defeats, we made the most of every match, gained valuable insights and proved ourselves to be formidable challengers. We beat Oranje, drew against Clarendon and lost to Rhenish.

A successful Rapid Chess tournament as part of the Collegiate

Spring Festival was held in October. This annual tournament is always a highlight of the Chess year and a good way for all players to be involved.

We are extremely proud to highlight the remarkable achievements of our Board One player, Aishwarya Ranjith, who earned her Provincial and National colours this year. We encourage her to keep excelling.

I would like to thank all the teachers and girls who have helped make this year an extraordinary one, whether it be by coming to watch a match or accompanying us to matches. A special thanks must go to our coach Mr Peter, the Sports Department, Miss van Vledder and Mr McLachlan.

**Jessica Murray**



### CHESS

*Back Row: Mr P McLachlan, L Kritzinger, C Williams, D Duri*

*Front Row: Mr N Peter, O Ndumndum, A Ranjith, Q Munir, J Murray, Miss S van Vledder*

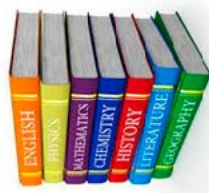


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## CRICKET

2025 was a year of growth for Cricket at Collegiate. It was the first time that we were able to field three teams which gave more players a chance to develop their skills. The Second Team joined the First Team in the A League which led to an improvement in their standard of play.

The First Team went on two tours this year. One was held at Reddam in Cape Town and another in Knysna. This was a great opportunity to play Cricket against teams from the Western Cape. Results:

### Collegiate First Team

#### COLLEGIATE vs

- **Alexander Road:** Won by 6 wickets  
Leigh Sugden took 5 wickets for 5 runs
- **Curro:** Won by 4 wickets  
Lusanele Ntsepe 40 runs not out
- **DF Malan:** Lost by 5 wickets  
Lusanele Ntsepe 27 runs
- **Pearson:** Lost by 103 runs  
Olivia Jordaan took 3 wickets for 14 runs

- **Thembaletu:** Won by 18 runs  
Mackenzie Thomas 46 runs  
Leigh Sugden took 3 wickets
- **Stellenberg:** Lost by 3 wickets  
Morgan de Souza took 3 wickets for 17 and scored 17 runs
- **Bridge House:** Won by 2 wickets  
Mackenzie Thomas 46 runs

### Collegiate Second Team

#### COLLEGIATE vs

- **Westering High First Team:** Lost by 7 wickets  
Emma Zimmerman 13 runs
- **Framesby High First Team:** Lost by 9 wickets
- **Pearson High First Team:** Lost by 180 runs  
Brianna Isaacs 17 runs

Thank you to the Head of Cricket, Mr Marriott, and managers Miss Timba and Miss Mellet. We are grateful to our First Team Coach, Mr van Breda, and Second Team Coach, Miss Kruger, for their hard work and support.

**Mihlali Kolosa**





## CRICKET FIRST TEAM

*Back Row:* Mr R Marriott, O Jordaan, M Thomas, A Trow, M de Souza, L Sugden, M Venter, Mr T van Breda  
*Front Row:* N Primo, S Black, Z Hay, L Ntsepe, J Prinsloo, M Kolosa



## CRICKET SECOND TEAM

*Back Row:* Mr R Marriott, R Soomar, R Miller, T Naidoo, E Zimmerman, S Black, Miss B Kruger  
*Front Row:* L Marais, M Maketa, I Aroonslam, A Makedama, A Zimmerman, B Isaacs





### CRICKET THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: Mr R Marriott, M Mlambo, K Mugwagwa, G Mc Kerr, L Mali, N Maposa, Mr D Scholtz*

*Front Row: N Monaheng, Y Marubini, I Skoti, A Jacobs, S Jafta, E Sota*







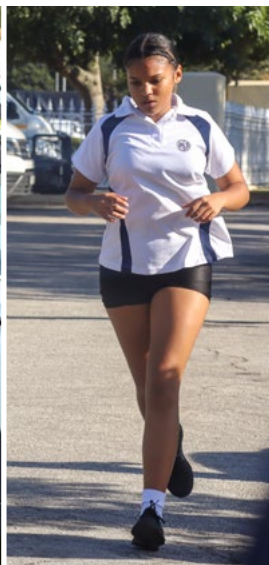
The Collegiate Cross Country team has enjoyed several highlights over the course of 2025.

This includes sending a team of four girls (Maria Freercks, Olivia Freercks, Jeandré Lodewyks and Yanelisa Nomoyi) to Cape Town to participate at the National All Girls' Festival hosted by Wynberg Girls' High School. The team is to be congratulated on coming sixth overall at the Festival.

In addition, Collegiate participated in Cross Country League races around Port Elizabeth, hosted by various schools. One of the highlights was hosting one of the League races on 13 August. The Cross Country season ended with the prize-giving which took place at Collegiate and though the competition was fierce, we achieved excellent results. Collegiate's Junior Team came second out of 18 schools and Collegiate's Senior Team came fourth out of 18 schools. Special mention must be made of Jeandré Lodewyks who placed third in the U15 category and third overall in the Junior category. Likho-lthemba Ndawo placed first in the U14 category and Megan Woolward placed second in the U14 category of the League races.

A big thank you goes to Mr Marriott for his hard work, dedication and enthusiasm and for organising and accompanying the Cross Country team to all the League races. We are grateful to Mr Marriott, too, for organising the Inter-House Cross Country where many of our girls participated.

**Maria Freercks**



### CROSS COUNTRY

*Back Row: L Ndawo, C Catterall, O Freercks, M Freercks, J Lodewyks, J Driscoll*

*Second Row: M Woolward, A Tyiso, K Unwin, Y Nomoyi, V Sponneck*

*Front Row: Mrs Z Grobbelaar, N van Heerden, N Soomar, L Stofile, H van der Riet, Mr R Mattiott*





2025 has been an outstanding as well as memorable year for our E-Sports team. This year E-Sports was a combination of serious competition and time to enjoy gaming together.

The weekly League matches pushed players to improve their skills and work together as a team. We had a successful season, making it into the Premier League to compete against the top thirty schools in the country. On the more relaxed side, Thursday's casual gaming sessions gave everyone a chance to relax, try out new games and enjoy playing with other gamers. This fun-filled, low-pressure environment helped to build a supportive and inclusive E-Sports community.

The standout moment of the year was definitely the team's participation at the National All Girls' Festival in Cape Town. Representing Collegiate at such a big tournament was both exciting and nerve-wracking but the team rose to the occasion. Their hard work, determination and passion for E-Sports shone through as they faced tough competition. The team's efforts paid off as they secured an overall victory. This remarkable achievement reflects the talent and skill within the E-Sports team.

A special thank you must go to the teacher-in-charge of E-Sports, Mr McLachlan, whose support – especially in his first year leading the programme – made this success possible.

The future of E-Sports at Collegiate looks promising. We are excited to see it grow and bring new opportunities for success.

**I Newman**



### E-SPORTS

*Standing: K Lotz, V Ntumba Makolo, Mr P McLachlan, R Miller, M Bosch*



The 2025 Hockey season has definitely been one to remember.

This season has been filled with many derby days, festivals and tournaments for all of our teams. We are proud of the many Hockey girls across the age groups who have achieved provincially and nationally.

The following 25 Collegiate girls were selected to represent Eastern Province:

- **U14A:** Josie van Heerden, Mary-Jade Scowby, Linathi Bidli, Sophia Jansen, Grace Thomas
- **U14B:** Jemma Jamieson, Mia Jordaan
- **U16A:** Emihle Mazomba, Gabriella de Doncker, Jade Grobler, Jana Prinsloo, Lusanele Ntsepe, Salome-Rose Oosthuizen
- **U16B:** Casey Grobler, Lauren Duckworth, Nolitha Makasana
- **U18A:** Kerrin Gillies, Eden Oliver, Gemma Bower, Taryn Peltenburg, Ayanda Klaas, Kate Brennan, Khazimla Nogalawe, Cassidy Williams
- **U18B:** Jenna Coetzee

The following girls were selected to various SA teams.

- **U16A:** Emihle Mazomba, Salome-Rose Oosthuizen
- **Extended U17:** squad Kerrin Gillies, Taryn Peltenburg
- **U18B:** Cassidy Williams

Our U14 teams started their high school Hockey careers by participating in the local Alexander Road Hockey Festival. The Second Team competed in the local Framesby Festival, placing first overall.

The U16As commenced their season by participating in the Pearson Festival. They then travelled to Stellenbosch for the Bloemhof Festival where they played against some tough opposition.

The First Team participated in the annual Greg Beling Festival in East London and then travelled to Johannesburg for the St Mary's Festival. To finish off the first half of the season, the First Team made their way to Cape Town for the highly anticipated All Girls' Festival and came first. To win the festival was a very special achievement. Our U14As, U16As and First Team participated in the Belgotex Girls Challenge, a new tournament on the Hockey calendar. The second half of the season kicked off with fixtures against York High School, the eagerly awaited Oranje derby and the season concluded with the derby against Clarendon in East London. Our U14As, U16As and First Team qualified for the prestigious Top 12 tournaments. The Collegiate Hockey Programme, encompassing the U14A, U16A and First Team results, allowed us to finish fifth overall in South Africa.

All of our teams can be incredibly proud of themselves this season. Our achievement would not have been possible without Mrs Posthumus, Mrs Gillies and the Sports Department. Collegiate Hockey continues to grow every year and I feel so lucky to have been part of this community for the last few years. Thank you so much to all of the coaches, managers and ground staff for all that they have done to ensure a successful season.

**Gemma Bower**















## HOCKEY



### HOCKEY FIRST TEAM

*Back Row:* A Klaas, A Pienaar, K Gillies, J Coetzee, J Grobler

*Middle Row:* C Williams, T Peltenburg, E Oliver, C Grobler, K Brennan

*First Row:* D Brown, J Prinsloo, A Porter, T Paxton, G Bower, Mrs M Gillies

*Absent:* M Abrahams, E Mazomba, S Oosthuizen



### HOCKEY SECOND TEAM

*Back Row:* H Campbell, C Davis-Taylor, M Freercks, P Stevens, S de Lange

*Middle Row:* Miss L Coetzee, I Newman, A Bresler, J Assam, A Knott, Mr A Moodley.

*First Row:* A Burrell, K Nogalawe, H Andrews, K Barton, E Horn.

*Absent:* J Roman





## HOCKEY THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: T Bettridge, B Van Baalen, E Harth, L Sugden, P Brooks, Miss T Preller*

*Middle Row: L Naik, M Everts, A Ferreira, K Legg, S Ntlabezo, Mrs M Loubser*

*First Row: I Peter, R Ellie, P Smith, M Munnick, N Meneguzzo*

*Absent: L Lamont, Mr A Moodley*



## HOCKEY FOURTH TEAM

*Back Row: S van Eeden, K Phiri, A McGuire, H Dutton, S Brannigan, G Alberts*

*First Row: K Ndwandwa, J Ebrahim, T Gqogqa, K Botha, A Gcusa, T du Preez, Mrs M Gillies*





## HOCKEY



### HOCKEY U16A TEAM

*Back Row:* G de Doncker, O Freercks, C Eary

*Middle Row:* R Embery, R Creighton, S La Mude, C Grobler, E Manson

*First Row:* A Wilmot, L Duckworth, N Makasana, N Otigo, A Filmer, L Ntsepe, Mrs C Posthumus

*Absent:* Mr C Posthumus



### HOCKEY U16B TEAM

*Back Row:* L Foster, C Mao-Cheia, G Biebuyck, J Walker, A Fourie, P Walker

*Middle Row:* A Tyiso, S Connett, E Adshade, M Jojo, Y Mabutho

*First Row:* Miss L Dos Santos, T Frans, I Rudman, N Monaheng, I Minderon, Miss S Venter





## HOCKEY U16C TEAM

*Back Row: S Mdyogolo, C van Rooyen, T Naidoo, R Miller, E Pio  
Middle Row: L Jackson, H Tudhope, K Cutting, E Zimmerman, L Langenhoven  
First Row: A Lumgair, E Ndondlo, L Olatunji, A Ntlangani, L Ahmed, Miss B Kruger*



## HOCKEY U16D

*Back Row: A Erasmus, E Ferreira, L Hutchinson, G Doussis  
Middle Row: I Dula, S Ogden, S Zulu, C de Villiers, J Prinsloo  
First Row: Miss P Ndovela, A Mpofu, A Botha, B Penny, E van Heerden, Miss H Griffin  
Absent: K Ellis*





## HOCKEY



### HOCKEY U16E AND F TEAM

*Back Row:* Miss G Tait, K Gcora, D Venter, Miss J Brown

*Third Row:* E Rudlin, H Ahmed, A Njingolo, E Cameron, M de Bruijn

*Second Row:* L Gallant, M Wood, O Mapapu, C Waller, S Naidoo,

*First Row:* O Sinyanya, R Robinson, A Nomnganga, A Lamani, Mrs H Carter



### HOCKEY U14A TEAM

*Back Row:* M Jordaan, C Peters, M de Souza, G Thomas, H Jansen

*Middle Row:* A Larter, M Scowby, J van Heerden, J Jamieson

*First Row:* K Richter, L Bidli, S Black, A Jordaan, Mr A Peltenburg





## HOCKEY U14B TEAM

*Back Row: Z Coley, M Thomas, I Kamba, G Krebs, M de Souza, C Martin*

*Middle Row: A de Lange, L Fritz, J Höflinger, M Finlay, L Dolley*

*First Row: Miss L Upton, T Peter, M Williams, A Swarbrick, R Malgas, Miss K Monaghan*



## HOCKEY U14C TEAM

*Back Row: K van Niekerk, M Bosch, I Kamba, M Meyer, N Madi*

*Middle Row: H Levey, M Wesley, K Stuthard, I Mkuhlu, L Anderson*

*Second Row: K Hitzeroth, A Jacobs, U Mcinga, I Tukani, K Gallagher, M Davis*

*First Row: Miss L Upton, O Ndumndum, N Mhlontlo, S Jafta, S Potgieter, A Maqubela, Miss L Potgieter*

*Absent: A Zimmerman, O Law, Z Frank-Meek*





## NETBALL

It was both a privilege and a joy to be the 2025 Netball captain.

The biggest lesson that I have learnt from playing netball is teamwork. I have learnt that success does not depend on one person but on one team. No matter how talented a player is, she cannot single handedly win the game. The outcome of the game is determined by the strength, resilience and support of the team. This year, the First Team has shown just that and has achieved some remarkable results. It has been an honour to play, train and grow alongside such a disciplined and dedicated team.

2025 saw the introduction of U15 and U17 teams. The Fast Five U15 team secured a Gold medal at their tournament and the U17 team got the chance to participate in a festival in George.

The Netball season was filled with activity, beginning with the Despatch Festival in early March. The day brought some outstanding results, with the First Team securing victory in three of their four matches.

The next festival for the First Team took place at Paarl Girls' High at the end of March where most of the tournament was rained out. The following week, the U14A and U16A played in the Paarl Gim Netball Tournament which served as a fantastic learning experience for the girls. The First Team's season consisted of another two festivals including

St Andrew's Netball Festival (where the team placed fifth out of 32 teams) and the National All Girls' Festival (where the team received a bronze medal). A huge congratulations goes to Amy-Jade Saayman for receiving an All Stars award at St Andrew's and Lilian Krige for receiving the Most Valued Player in the team at the All Girls' Festival

The busy Derby season passed quickly, with Collegiate celebrating yet another successful year on the courts. We travelled to Stellenbosch for the annual Rhenish Derby, hosted Oranje and Eunice and travelled to East London for the much-anticipated Clarendon Derby, the last fixture for many teams.

The Founders' Weekend Derby remains a highlight, marked by its distinctive atmosphere. This year, the First Team played against an invitational team from Madibaz while the other teams played against Andrew Rabie. The atmosphere around the court was electric and most Collegiate teams came out on top.

Collegiate hosted its annual tournament in the July school holidays for the fourth consecutive year. Although the First Team narrowly lost by a single goal in overtime in the final to Hudson Park, the accomplishment remains one to be treasured.

Congratulations to Amy Botha and Amy-Jade Saayman on achieving 100 caps for the First Team, as well as the late Hailie-Jade





Coboza and Lilian Krige for achieving 50 caps this year.

The achievements of the First Team this year would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our coaches, Mrs Grobbelaar and Mrs Krige, and our manager, Miss Marx. Their ongoing encouragement and dedication have been invaluable. We are deeply grateful for the time, patience and effort they invested to help us reach our

full potential.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the late Hailie-Jade Coboza. I cannot put into words the impact that she had on not only the First Team but on Netball in general. She was such a crucial part of the success of our team and I hope that we have made her proud.

**Amy Botha**









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## NETBALL



### NETBALL FIRST TEAM

*Back Row:* L Krige, B Mtize, A Saayman, R Coombes

*First Row:* Mrs E Grobbelaar, B Bukani, A Botha, J Muller, L Jam Jam, Miss K Marx

*Absent:* Mrs Krige



### NETBALL SECOND TEAM

*Back Row:* O Manona, A Ndlovu, A du Plessis, K de Necker

*First Row:* Mrs L Herbst, E Heyman, O Makhuluma, Z Bavuma, Mrs E Grobbelaar



## NETBALL THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: M Fourie, G Barnes, M Webster, I Tiso*

*First Row: Mrs L Herbst, R Mukumbira, D Ledwaba, C Elbourne, Mrs E Grobbelaar*



## NETBALL U17A TEAM

*Back Row: C Hyman, V Ndyoko, I Nonganga, L McNamara*

*First Row: Mrs E Grobbelaar, M Bosman, C Adams, K Nicholls, M Xulu, Miss X Mkhonza*





## NETBALL



### NETBALL U16A TEAM

*Back Row: C Umeadim, Z Knoetze, A Hermans, A Mncwabe, M Venter  
First Row: Mrs T Heynie, E de Witt, J Humby, I Nonganga, R Krause, M Msakatya, Mrs L Riley*



### NETBALL U16B TEAM

*Back Row: S Kruger, A Trow, K Long, E Duru  
First Row: Mrs T Heynie, I Fernandes, O Nduma, T Moahloli, E Stears, Mrs L Riley*





## NETBALL U16C TEAM

*Back Row: O Tonjeni, A Trow, M Sigcawu, S Evans*

*First Row: Miss A Njeza, L Mazwane, T Castelyn, G Olivera, M Chikowero, Miss P Kholwane*



## NETBALL U16D TEAM

*Back Row: B Mhlaba, C von Bochove, E Kyazze, A Mdani*

*First Row: Miss A Njeza, I Nicol, M Nikelo, A Mahlalutye, S Stuurman, L Rala, Miss P Kholwane*





## NETBALL



### NETBALL U16E TEAM

*Back Row: Y Mabutho, M Mapena, L Mvinjelwa, K Meniers*

*First Row: Miss K Nonkontwana, A Gqeke, S Singh, Y Mzozoyana, S Kwatsha, Miss N Timba*



### NETBALL U16F TEAM

*Back Row: S Twaku, L Ndodana, Z Xata, A Wesley, K Mzembe*

*First Row: Miss K Nonkontwana, A Dyasi, U Mesani, S Zulu, B Chuene, Miss N Timba*





## NETBALL U15B TEAM

*Back Row: Miss L van der Linde, Z Tetyana, B Kepu, L Nonganga, A May,  
First Row: L Nozewu, N Bukani, S Mthala, A Makedama, H Charedzera, Miss P Kholwane*



## NETBALL U15C TEAM

*Back Row: Miss L van der Linde, A Aluko, J de Wet, I Malusi, T Mabaso,  
First Row: B Ndongeni, Z Bisiwe, O Menemene, U Songqishe, M Dyantyi, Miss P Kholwane*





## NETBALL



### NETBALL U14A TEAM

*Back Row: L Ndawo, N Tetelwa, A Fisser, A Nogalawe*

*First Row: Mr C Harmse, M Marubini, M Woolward, A Njeza, Mrs L Riley*



### NETBALL U14B TEAM

*Back Row: R Soomar, O Jordaen, M Nkayi*

*First Row: Mr C Harmse, L Masebe, S Browne, S Ngwenya, Mrs L Riley*





## NETBALL U14C TEAM

*Back Row: J Mtatse , O Law, Z Foto , I Aroonslam*

*First Row: Miss N Lister, L Terblanche, I Skoti, B Selani , M Maketa, Miss X Mkhonza*



## NETBALL U14D TEAM

*Back Row: L Moyo, K Mugwagwa, A Msimanga, M Mlambo, R Felix*

*First Row: Miss N Lister, H Balfour , E Vermaak, B Selani, L Terblanche, Miss X Mkhonza*





## NETBALL



### NETBALL U14E TEAM

*Back Row: N Maposa, N Tukwayo, S Nogambula, N Rululu*

*First Row: Mrs K Mahlantla, K Matikinca, N Soomar, A Ngxokela, I Mayekiso, Miss N Timba*



### NETBALL U14F TEAM

*Back Row: D Naidoo, L Mali, E Horak, H Sifo*

*First Row: Mrs K Mhlantla, K Vumazonke, B Joxo, L Mrawusi, C Masimla, A Zimmerman, Miss N Timba*



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## SQUASH

This year has been an incredible journey for our Squash teams. One of the highlights was placing third at the National All Girls' Festival, a result that showed the team's competitive and resilient nature. We competed against some of the best school Squash teams in the country at the Top Schools Festival where we achieved seventh place. These achievements prove that our players can hold their own against tough competition.

Congratulations to Nuha Packery for making the Eastern Province U14 Squash Team, as well as to Darcey Brown, Madison Everts, Nina Mitchell, Isabelle Newman, Salizwa Ntlabezo and Anna Porter for making the Eastern Province U19 Squash Team this year.

Beyond the big festivals, our strength throughout the season shone in our League fixtures, where our players performed

consistently and with pride. Week after week, we showed that Squash at Collegiate is not just about one team — it is about depth, teamwork and commitment across all levels.

Thank you to the teachers involved, the Sports Department, our Head of Squash, Mrs Human, our manager, Mrs Stephenson, as well as our coach, Mr Alan Stapleton for their constant support and encouragement which kept us going this year.

What makes the sport special is the spirit that drives us. Squash is not always easy — it demands fitness, mental toughness and quick reflexes. This year our players rose to the challenge. The growth we have seen, the friendships formed and the victories earned are what make us proud to represent Collegiate Squash.

**Leah Kilian**





## SQUASH FIRST TEAM

*Back Row: N Primo, M Everts, I Newman, J Murray  
First Row: D Brown, L Killian, N Mitchell, Mr A Stapleton*



## SQUASH SECOND AND THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: K Rodger, S Ntlabezo, H Campbell, L Naik, A Porter  
First Row: N Packery, E Manson, H Levey, J Eaton, Mr T Southway*





## SQUASH



### SQUASH TOP SCHOOLS

*Back Row: Mrs E Grobbelaar, N Packery, N Primo, J Murray  
First Row: M Everts, N Mitchell, I Newman, Mr A Stapleton*





Inter-House Aquatics Day took place on Friday, 7 March 2025. The day was filled with smiles, high spirits, excitement and camaraderie. Our competitors treated us to some outstanding swimming, with two records being broken. A special congratulations goes to Jemmah Roman for breaking the U14 50m Butterfly record, and Sienna Gous for breaking the U16 100m Freestyle record.

Well done to the following top swimmers in each age group:

NAME	U14 POINTS	U16 POINTS	U18 POINTS
Jemmah Roman	64		
Morgan Gous	63		
Sienna Gous		78	
Zandri Knoetze		42	
Jenna Coetzee			47
Madison Fourie			33

After the points were totalled, Queen Mary House emerged victorious with 256 points.

The second event of the day was the Artistic Swimming display where we were treated to wonderful performances which left many in awe of the talent on display.

The third and final event was the Inter-House Water Polo. The matches featured a combination of strategy, skill and team co-ordination as the teams fought for victory in this high-energy sport, spurred on by lively cheering from the stands. At the end of the day, Queen Mary proved too strong for its opponents.

A huge thank you to the Sports Department for organizing such a successful day and to all the staff who assisted. We also want to congratulate the participants and thank them for their efforts.

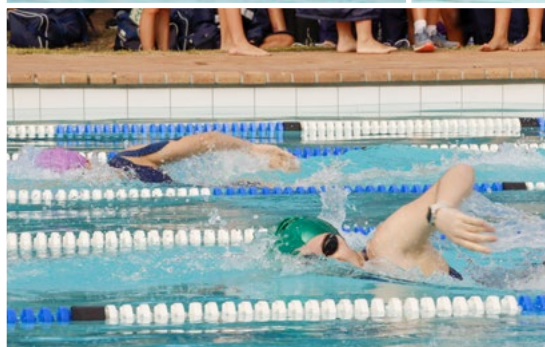
Yanelisa Nomoyi







## INTER-HOUSE AQUATICS DAY











## SWIMMING

This year the Club, General, and Learn-to-Swim teams put in tremendous effort and achieved great success across various levels of competition.

The Inter-House Aquatics Day was a definite highlight and resounding success as the school came together to support our talented swimmers. Congratulations to Jemmah Roman for breaking the U14 50m Butterfly record and Sienna Gous for breaking the U16 100m Freestyle record. The top swimmers for U14 were Jemmah Roman (63 points) and Morgan Gous (62 points). The U16 top swimmers were Sienna Gous (74 points) and Zandri Knoetze (42 points). Top swimmers for the U18 age group were Jenna Coetzee (47 points) and Madison Fourie (33 points).

The Collegiate First Swimming Team had a competitive season, taking part in numerous events. At the Pearson Prestige Gala, we secured second place. After not participating at the National All Girls' Aquatics Festival for many years, we were able to compete again. The Collegiate swimmers came home with six podium medals.

Several of our dedicated swimmers, namely Sienna Gous, Morgan Gous and Milla Delpport competed at the South African Open Water Championships held in Jeffreys Bay and achieved excellent results. Sienna and Morgan Gous and Jemmah Roman competed at the Africa Aquatics Zone IV



Championship in Eswatini. The girls performed exceptionally well and their commitment paid off.

Grace Thomas excelled at the Top Eight Swimming Gala, bringing home Gold in the 50m Butterfly, Breaststroke and Freestyle events.

Sincere thanks must go to Mrs Posthumus and Mrs Vlok for their constant guidance and support. I am proud of every swimmer's accomplishments and am grateful for all the unforgettable moments that this season has brought.

**Yanelisa Nomoyi**



### PEARSON PRESTIGE GALA TEAM

*Back Row: A Fourie, J Coetzee, S Gous, M Fourie, M Gous, S Serdyn*

*Front Row: Mrs H Vlok, J Roman, J Brown, M Delpport, J Lodewyks, M Higgs, Y Nomoyi*



It has been an exciting and memorable year for our Tennis teams, filled with highlights, tough battles and plenty of laughs along the way.

Our First Team started the year strongly at the Merrifield Tournament in East London, where we came fourth. This gave the teams a confidence boost and left us feeling ready for what we knew would be a great season ahead.

The next tournament for the First Team was also in East London, this time to compete in the Selborne/Clarendon Mixed Doubles Tournament. Collegiate played alongside brother school, Grey. This event is always one of the highlights of the season, not only because of the high standard of tennis, but also because it never fails to bring great laughs and memories. The semi-final match was tough and Collegiate lost narrowly to Stirling. We then played against the hosts, Selborne and Clarendon. It was special to claim third place this year, as we redeemed ourselves after losing to them last year.

Throughout the year, the First Team played against many strong schools, including Rhenish, Kingswood, DSG and Union High School over Founders' weekend. Clarendon was the final derby for 2025. League matches were also played by our First to Fifth teams where we played Nico Malan, Framesby, Pearson, Woodridge, DF Malherbe, Alexander Road and Harvest. In each of these matches, the Tennis girls showcased not only their talent but also their passion, sportsmanship and determination, even when the challenges were tough. Well done to the Second and Third Team Tennis girls for playing some of these schools' First Teams and for always rising to the challenge.

One of the biggest highlights of the year was the National All Girls' Festival, which took place in Cape Town. This festival is always a favourite for our First Team as it allows us to represent our school proudly against other talented schools. After strong performances, we finished fifth overall which was a fantastic and well-deserved result.

The Grade Eight Tennis girls have shown great improvement and laid a solid foundation for the years ahead and the future of Tennis is in good hands. Tennis has not only been

competitive for some but it has also been played socially. Numbers have increased to 20 girls per practice. I am grateful that the Tennis family at Collegiate is a place where girls encourage and support each other.

In Term Three, our First Team travelled to Makhanda for the last tournament of the year, another mixed doubles event where we competed with Grey again. This time it was hosted by DSG and St Andrew's. The girls played some excellent tennis and reached the finals, where we eventually placed second after a tough match against DSG/St Andrew's.

At the end of Term Three, the Tennis Championships took place. In the U14 doubles, Ava Swarbrick and Zoë Coley defeated Jessica Driscoll and Mirren Amdor. In the U16 singles Lauren Duckworth defeated Tiffany Frans and in the doubles, Lauren Duckworth and Ava Filmer defeated Tiffany Frans and Lusanele Ntsepe. The Open singles was won by Alissa Libbrecht who defeated Taryn Peltenberg and in the Open doubles, Tayla Paxton and Taryn Peltenburg defeated Jenna Coetzee and Kerrin Gillies.

It has truly been a year filled with growth, commitment and unforgettable moments, both on and off the court. Thank you to the Sports Department, managers and Coach William Wickens and all those who have accompanied the tours, derbies and attended every practice. Thank you to Mrs Gillies for her hard work this year to make sure everything ran smoothly.

**Tayla Paxton**







## TENNIS



### TENNIS FIRST TEAM

*Back Row: B Shone, T Peltenburg*

*Front Row: Mr W Wickens, T Paxton, A Libbrecht, M Gillies*



### TENNIS SECOND TEAM

*Back Row: K Barton, S van Staden*

*Front Row: Mr W Wickens, L Harty, L Duckworth, Mrs M Gillies*



## TENNIS THIRD TEAM

*Back Row: U Nondlazi, A Filmer*

*Front Row: Mr W Wickens, J Assam, T Frans, Mrs M Gillies*



## TENNIS FOURTH AND FIFTH TEAM

*Back Row: H Tudhope, K Lotz, Z Coley, M Potgieter, V Makwetu*

*Front Row: Mr W Wickens, A Swarbrick, I Rudman, C Pearce, L Smith, Mrs M Gillies*





## WATER POLO

From the first whistle of 2025, Collegiate Water Polo girls set the tone for a season filled with resilience, growth and teamwork. Our players embraced the challenges of tournaments, festivals and fixtures, while delivering moments of brilliance and continued to grow and develop in the pool.

Our U14A team had a remarkable start to the season by winning the Jason Murray Tournament and secured a second place finish at the Dave Pitcairn Tournament. Their commitment and consistency continued at the Collegiate Spring Festival where they came ninth out of eighteen teams. Their season concluded at the Roedean Tournament in Johannesburg in Term Four where they came an impressive fourth out of twenty-two teams.

Our U15A team began their season by participating in the Alexander Road High Festival where they achieved a series of impressive results. They continued their season at the Shaun Fuchs Tournament in Johannesburg where they placed sixteenth. The U15A team also took part in the Collegiate Spring Festival which was held at the end of Term Three where they came eleventh out of eighteen teams.

The highlight of the season for the U15B and Second Team was participating in the annual Chukka Festival in Knysna. The teams faced tough opposition, with the U15B team playing against A teams and the Second Team competing against First Teams throughout the festival. The experience provided valuable opportunities for players to develop their skills.

The First Team competed in a full programme of fixtures and tournaments this season which commenced with the Brian Baker Tournament in Makhandla. At the National All Girls' Festival, six new caps were included as the Matrics were unavailable and the team finished in sixth place. The team also participated in the Old Petrian's Tournament where they played intense games against teams from around the country. Their first tournament back after the Winter Season was the Mackenzie Cup, where they placed tenth overall, followed by the Woodridge Stayers Tournament where they

came ninth. In the fourth term the First Team attended the Saints Stayers Tournament where they gained valuable experience and ended the tournament in fourteenth place.

The following girls were chosen to represent Eastern Province at their respective Interprovincial Tournaments in East London during the 2024/2025 season:

EP U14A – Sienna Gous, Lisa Langenhoven

EP U14B – Chlöe Mao-Cheia

EP U15A – Charlotte van Bochove, Alexis Fourie

EP U15B – Brigid Guest, Emily de Witt

EP U16A – Jamie Brown, Lara Heny, Zama Pantshwa

EP U18A – Elizabeth Horn

At the end of Term One, Elizabeth Horn, Jamie Brown, Charlotte van Bochove and Mr Seko Zondani (assistant coach) were selected to represent NMB Water Polo in a mixed age group team at the Gauteng Invitational Tournament. In addition, Alexis Fourie, Charlotte van Bochove, Elizabeth Horn and Emily de Witt were also selected to participate in the inaugural SAWP Winter Series Tournament.

Congratulations to Queen Mary House for placing First at the Inter-House Water Polo Competition which took place at Inter-House Aquatics Day.

The Water Polo girls would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all the coaches, managers and support staff who contributed to the success of the 2025 Water Polo season. Special thanks go to Mr Zondani, the Head of Water Polo, for his dedication, support and tireless efforts throughout the year. The efforts of all the players must also be recognised as their determination and commitment ensured a successful season. The First Water Polo Team is also grateful to Investec for their generous sponsorship and support this season.

The 2025 Water Polo season showcased strong performances, valuable experience and growth across all teams. We wish the Water Polo players well for the 2026 season.

**Elizabeth Horn**









## WATER POLO



### WATER POLO FIRST TEAM

*Back Row:* Mr S Zondani, A Fourie, B Guest, C van Bochove, L Krige, L Heny, A Pienaar, Miss K Monaghan  
*Front Row:* A Botha, J Brown, A Loyson, Y Nomoyi, M Konold, K Brennan, E Horn



### WATER POLO SECOND TEAM

*Back Row:* A Knott, C Watson, E de Wit, P Stevens, R Krause  
*Front Row:* Miss L Coetzee, A Burrell, Z Pantshwa, M Everts, K Legg, A Wilmot, Miss R King





## WATER POLO THIRD TEAM

*Back Row:* E Adshade, M Lloyd, V Ndyoko, M Walters, B van Baalen, J Paterson  
*Front Row:* Ms L Potgieter, G Olivera, J Herman, S Evans, A van Wyk, C Truter, K Wilson, Mr S Zondani



## WATER POLO U15A TEAM

*Back Row:* S Connett, P Walker, L Foster, M Higgs, S La Mude  
*Front Row:* Miss X Mkhonza, S Ogden, V Sponneke, L Langenhoven, A Botha, C Mao-Cheia, Miss S Edwards





## WATER POLO



### WATER POLO U15B TEAM

*Back Row:* S Zondani, K Ellis, J de Wet, A Hermans, D Venter, E Cameron, R King  
*Front Row:* Mrs L Rodrigues, G Agnew, L Nonganga, R Embery, L Jackson, A Lumgair, A Mkhize  
*Absent:* A Kondlo



### WATER POLO U14A TEAM

*Back Row:* C Peters, M Gous, G Thomas, J van Heerden, Miss N van Bochove  
*Front Row:* Miss P Ndovela, Z Loyson, M Woolward, S Jansen, H Levey, A Larter, Mr S Zondani  
*Absent:* K van Niekerk





## WATER POLO U14B TEAM

*Back Row: Mrs L Riley, M Scowby, M Bosch, C Martin, J Höflinger, J Roman, Miss L Upton*  
*Front Row: A Jordaan, L Fritz, M Wesley, M Mangengwana, J Jamieson*



## WATER POLO ALL GIRLS' TEAM

*Back Row: B Guest, E de Witt, C van Bochove, L Krige, C Watson, L Heny*  
*Front Row: S Zondani, A Burrell, R Krause, A Fourie, M Everts, K Brennan, J Brown, Miss C Rawson*





## ACCOUNTING TUTORING



### ACCOUNTING TUTORING

*Back Row:* M Tukululu, S Kruger, M Wessels, E Kyazze, P. Stevens

*Middle Row:* A Porter, A Botha, T Matyholweni, A Makwetu

*First Row:* Miss J Reynolds, K Grootboom, A Loyson, N Soomar, K Legg, N Mabaso, Mrs L Riley



## ART ENRICHMENT

2025 was a year of creativity, connection and colour for the Art Enrichment Society. From the very first meeting, the room was filled with laughter, curiosity and a shared passion for all things 'art'. We started the year by exploring a wide range of art media, from painting and sketching to cartooning. Each session gave learners the chance to experiment, express themselves and grow their skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment. One of the biggest highlights of the year was having the incredibly talented Mr Cedric Vanderlinden join us as a guest speaker as part of Literary Week. He shared his inspiring journey as a professional artist, challenged common stereotypes about pursuing art as a career and gave us a behind-the-scenes look at his creative process. His wisdom, techniques and real-world advice left a lasting impact on all of us. Later in the year, we proudly took part in the 'Aspire to Thrive' programme, where we hosted two creative sessions. These were all about unwinding through art. Learners got to slow down, reflect and enjoy calming colouring activities that combined mindfulness with creativity. As the head of the Art Enrichment Society, it has been an absolute joy to work alongside Miss Mashigo, who guided and supported us throughout the year. Together, we brainstormed ideas, planned activities and created a space where learners could truly feel free to express themselves. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to have led this society and to share the beauty and power of art with others. Here's to even more inspiration, bold ideas and brilliant artworks in the year to come.

**Tamrèn Champion**



### ART ENRICHMENT

*Miss B Mashigo, T Champion*

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## BALLROOM DANCING

This year was a busy and exciting one for the Ballroom Dancing Society, with over thirty new beginner dancers signing up during the annual Grade Eight Orientation Camp. In February, our dancers were able to showcase their skills at the annual Open Days.

2025 also saw the introduction of Dare 2 Dance socials at the end of each term. The socials gave our dancers the opportunity to unite with dancers from other Dare 2 Dance schools and to promote fellowship amongst them. It is a fun-filled way to meet new people while learning a new skill.

In May, a few of our dancers took part in the *Confidence Cup*, hosted by the South African Dance Teachers' Association (SADTA). The purpose of the competition was not only to gain valuable experience but also to test new scrutineering software. Our dancers, as members of Dare 2 Dance's 'Dare2Be', competed against dancers from Dare 2 Dance Studio, Nelson Mandela University, and the Peter Mann Studio. Sasha-Belle Bonner and her beginner partner, Elizabeth de Kock, as well as Jordan Pierpoint (who participated with a learner from Alexander Road High School), made it into the semifinals in both the Latin and Ballroom Beginner sections. Sasha-Belle Bonner also placed Third in the Latin Intermediate section.

Unfortunately, this year's Inter-Schools' Ballroom Competition, which normally takes place in May, had to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances. In August, many of our dancers completed their Bar Tests.

The highlight of the annual Ballroom Dancing calendar is the Grand Ball, hosted by Dare 2 Dance at the Feather Market Centre in October. This year's theme was the 'Addams Family' and we were able to showcase our inner 'Wednesday' dance moves on the dance floor.

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the incredible people behind the scenes: Mrs Mey, the teacher-in-charge of the society at Collegiate; her assistants, Mrs Hemingway and Mr Greenway; and our wonderful dance instructors, Mr Hadrian Roberts and Mrs Tarin Roberts. I would also like to thank the Ballroom Committee, Sasha-Belle Bonner and Morgan Guest, for their support and encouragement.

**Jordan Pierpoint**



**BALLROOM DANCING COMMITTEE**

*S Bonner, Mrs L Mey, J Pierpoint, M Guest*





This year, the Bio Science Club had fun learning new things through doing experiments and learning the science behind each experiment. During the Aspire week, we had a lovely visit from Miss Van Rooyen who taught us some interesting facts about our environment and sustainability.

Bio Science Club is a place where we can have fun doing simple Science experiments and gain insight into what is

happening in and to the environment around us.

It has been an honour to be part of the Bio Science Club for five years as I have learnt so many interesting things and I have been able to meet wonderful people with the same interests. Thank you to Miss Mkhonza for her constant presence ensuring that everything runs smoothly.

**Yaanah Davids**



**BIO SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY**

*Mr R Marriott, Y Davids, Miss X Mkhonza*



## CATS



The Collegiate Amateur Theatrical Society (CATS) is a creative and inclusive space where learners explore the many sides of drama, from acting and directing to writing and performance.

This year, members took part in a range of activities, including mindful movement during Aspire Week. We were proud winners of the Best Noticeboard competition during Literary Week. CATS was also honoured to participate in the Fugard

Festival, paying tribute to the late Athol Fugard by performing extracts from some of his plays.

The Society continues to grow learners' confidence, teamwork and communication skills, both on and off the stage. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr Batista for his guidance and encouragement. His impact on the society will not be forgotten.

**Sophia Wood**



**CATS COMMITTEE**

*Back Row: J Naudé, S Wood, Mr J Batista, M Mc Kerr*







## CHARITY BAZAAR

There was a buzz of excitement that filled the Collegiate campus on Friday 25 July as it was evident that it was certainly not an average school day. It was finally time for one of our favourite events of the year – the Charity Bazaar!

In keeping with the theme, 'Once upon a time', outfits ranged from blue Aladdin genies to green frogs, beautiful Disney princesses and other characters from many well-known fairytales.

The Grade Eights displayed their craftsmanship selling arts and crafts. The A5's 'bedazzled vaseline' was a hot topic for several days leading up to the event and the A3's teddy bear keychains stole many hearts.

It is safe to say that no one could have left the Charity Bazaar with unsatisfied sweet treat cravings, as the Grade Nines did a phenomenal job of providing sweets and drinks. From cake pops and cupcakes to ice-cream and doughnuts, there was something for everyone. In true South African fashion, the B3's 'chocolate blokkies' sold out in a flash.

The Grade Tens ensured that there was never a moment of boredom by offering a range of activities, including sumo wrestling in the quad, the photo booth and the famous 'haunted house' beneath the Stevenson Hall stage. Memories were made, friends were tackled, special pictures were taken and screams were heard.

With a combination of many cuisines from around the world,

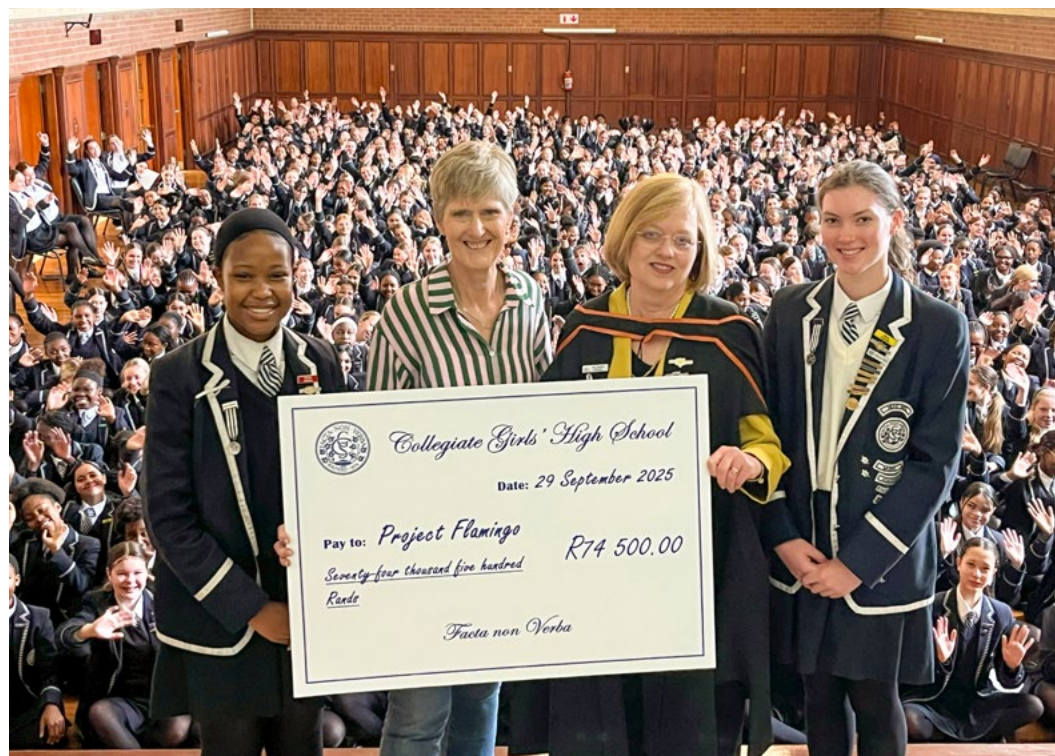
the Grade Elevens fueled the fun with their variety of delicious food options. Whether you were feeling like Mexican, Italian, South African or American food, there was a meal for every mood. The nachos, pizza, boerewors rolls and chicken strips were sold out before Cinderella's carriage even had a chance to turn into a pumpkin. Although all the food stalls turned substantial profits, perhaps the most impressive statistic of the day was that 100 kilograms of chips were sold, setting a new record and proving the importance of carbs at such an event.

The Ivy Leaf was transformed into a whimsical, yet classy tea room by the Matrics, with 'Alice in Wonderland' decorations creating a magical ambience. The Bar-One cake was clearly the crowd favourite, but no choice was a poor one with the mouth-watering flavours on offer.

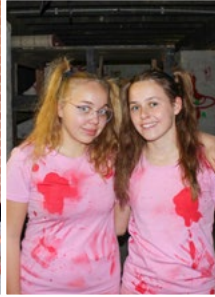
Thanks to the incredible support of the Collegiate community, we raised a remarkable R74 500.00 which was donated to Project Flamingo. This will help transform cancer wards at Livingstone Hospital into spaces of dignity, comfort and hope for women facing breast cancer.

Thank you to Mrs Lotz and Mrs Vanderlinden for their tireless effort and planning, as well as the RCLs and teachers for keeping the 'organised chaos' under control throughout the day. Despite the cold and windy weather, it was undoubtedly a day to remember.

**Clarice Pieterse**











## CHEERLEADERS



### CHEERLEADERS

*Back Row: O Qaba, A Saayman, L Labercensie  
Front Row: C Kuchera, Mrs Z Grobbelaar, M Rielly*











## COOKERY CLUB

This year Miss Kholwane joined the Cookery Club bringing fresh energy and inspiration. We welcomed a group of enthusiastic new learners who were eager to get involved in the kitchen.

We prepared a variety of easy and delicious recipes, including chocolate chip cookies, cake in a mug, caramel and chocolate crackers, milk tart and rice crispy treats. It is amazing what one can bake in just 30 minutes! The club not only provides a fun and creative outlet but also gives learners a

chance to see if they might be interested in taking Consumer Studies in the future.

One of our highlights was during Aspire Week where we helped by making coconut, ginger and butternut soup. We served this in the Ivy Leaf, and the first 80 learners enjoyed a warm bowl of soup and a roll on a cold winter's afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Lotz, Miss Kholwane and Mrs Jooste for their incredible support and guidance throughout the year.

**Lea Vermaak**



### COOKERY CLUB

Miss P Kholwane, L Vermaak, Mrs R Lotz, Mrs J Jooste



Our Debating season started strong with two senior teams being entered into the Debating League. Team One made up of Nonhle Goliath, Dion Duri and Caitlin van Heerden did extremely well and made it to the finals where they unfortunately lost to Pearson. Team Two did well to make it to 19th place out of 24 teams. We are proud of both teams.

In the Junior League, Collegiate had one team competing with girls rotating each week. The girls tried their hardest and showed confidence and determination as they debated. Sadly, they did not make it to the final.

As the senior team came second in the League, they qualified to compete in the Provincial Debating Tournament held in East London. Their excellent performance ensured them a

place in the semi-finals where they unfortunately lost. They competed in seven debates, winning four and losing three.

The Inter-House Debating competition allows girls to compete against each other and showcase their skills to their peers. After several rounds of fierce competition, Queen Victoria House emerged victorious.

This year has been exciting and it has been amazing to work with so many talented senior and junior debaters. I have no doubt that next year will be just as fulfilling.

A special thank you to Mrs Weideman and Mrs Winchester for their encouragement and support throughout the year.

**Anna Porter**



## DEBATING

*Back Row: N Goliath; E Gobodo; D Duri*

*Front Row: Mrs N Winchester; C van Heerden; A Porter, Mrs D Weideman*





## FIRST AID

As the head of First Aid, I have had the privilege of leading a dedicated group of individuals who are committed to promoting safety and health awareness within our school.

First Aid refers to the immediate assistance provided by lay rescuers to individuals experiencing unexpected accidents. It is an essential life skill that teaches us to remain calm in

emergencies and equips us with the necessary knowledge and tools to respond effectively.

In May and June, several of our learners successfully completed their Level One and Level Three First Aid courses. The training sessions provided participants with essential knowledge on basic First Aid techniques, including CPR,



### FIRST AID LEVEL ONE

*Back Row: C Umeadim, E Duru, B Mtize, E Kyazze, L Adams, E Aluko*

*Middle Row: K Phiri, E Rudlin, U Nondlazi, L Mbekeni, A Khan, B Gunya*

*Front Row: A Wesley, H Charedzera, N Bukani, Y Mzozoyana, M Dyantyi, Mrs S Arthur*

*Absent: S Niazi*



### FIRST AID LEVEL THREE

*Standing: K Grootboom, K Tufts, Mrs S Arthur, M Ramakoena*



### FIRST AID

*Mrs S Arthur, G Barnes*



wound care and how to handle emergencies effectively. These learners give back to the school by volunteering their time to assist at all sports matches and Inter-House events throughout the year. When on duty, First Aiders collaborate with paramedics, benefiting from their valuable expertise while providing care to the injured.

Our Level Three learners in Grades Eleven and Twelve signed a declaration that allows them to assist when necessary with First Aid, not only during sporting events, but also

throughout the school day when necessary.

Being a First Aider at Collegiate is a privilege. It becomes second nature to us and we are passionate about helping others in need.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Arthur for her guidance and support throughout this year. I appreciate her willingness to listen and to help to find solutions.

I wish next year's Chairman the best of luck.

**Gabriel Barnes**







## FRENCH SOCIETY

French Society meetings take place every Tuesday afternoon and all are welcome. Our aim is, not only to learn about the French way of life, but also to take part in quizzes, organise entertaining games and watch the occasional French film.

During Literary Week we set up a table in the quad at break and challenged girls to share something about their favourite French author or poet. Each girl who participated received a lollipop.

French Society has been part of my life for three years and it will always have a special place in my heart. I would like to thank Mr Shone for being a wonderful mentor and an encouraging French teacher, always ready to engage in interesting discussions. I would also like to thank Rania Yon for being an active and supportive committee member. I am hopeful that French Society will grow as we continue to explore the beautiful French language and culture.

**Jessica Hill**



### FRENCH SOCIETY COMMITTEE

*Back Row: R Yon, S Bonner, J de Kock*

*Front Row: J Hill, Mr B Shone, F Bishop*



We celebrated Heritage Day by holding a special assembly to showcase the diverse cultures in South Africa as well as our shared heritage.

Heritage is about remembering the past and shaping the future. Under the direction of Mrs Gerber, the Grade Eleven Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation Committee, the Society and Service Area Committees and other volunteers worked hard to make South Africa's rich heritage come alive on stage to honour the traditions, cultures and histories that shape who we are as South Africans – from our languages

to our customs.

Our guest speaker – wife, mother and clinical psychologist – Mrs Siphesihle Metuge gave an inspiring address on our identities as South Africans and how our heritage shapes our past, present and future.

It was special to commemorate Heritage Day and to recognize the rich and vibrant cultures that make South Africa the place we call home.

**Mrs H Carter**







## INTERACT

The Interact theme for 2025 was 'Leadership through Service', a phrase that speaks volumes despite its simplicity. The Interact members began the year by creating and sharing Valentine's Day cards with Grey High School. This meaningful start set the tone for what became a year filled with service, creativity and connection.

Later in Term One, members participated in a wide range of activities that highlighted both teamwork and compassion. These included making love sandwiches for the 'Love Story' Drive, making playdough using simple household ingredients, and running a heating pad drive where rice-filled socks were made and given away to provide warmth and comfort. We also held an Easter Egg Drive, spread joy through an ice-breaker game and enjoyed a picnic that allowed members to get to know one another better. In addition, members demonstrated their creativity by making skipping ropes out of plastic bags and teddy bears from face cloths.

Throughout Term One and Two, Interact members also prepared Snakes-and-Ladders game packs and puzzles, which brought fun and learning to children in our community. A particularly special highlight was taking over Community Engagement's baby product collection drive. Members

gathered essential baby items and had the privilege of visiting the Thandusana baby home, where we spent time playing and interacting with the little ones.

Our theme for the year guided every project and interaction. It reminded us that leadership is not about titles or recognition but about uplifting others through compassion and dedication. By embracing this theme, Interact stayed true to its goal for the year: to serve our community wholeheartedly while empowering one another to grow as leaders.

As we reflect on our journey, we are reminded that true leadership shines brightest when expressed through service and that is the spirit Interact will continue to carry forward.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Vanderlinden for her guidance, support and encouragement throughout the year. The dedication of society members made our projects possible and inspired us to give our very best. I would also like to thank the Interact Committee members for their commitment, creativity and teamwork. Their hardwork and enthusiasm were essential in bringing ideas to life and making this year truly memorable.

**Erin Bowker**



### INTERACT COMMITTEE

*Back Row: T Raga, H Dullabh, L Labercensie*

*First Row: A Poyana, E Bowker, S Mochaba, Mrs S Vanderlinden*









## INTER-HOUSE PLAYS

This year each director was tasked with producing an existing play. The directors showed creativity in their choice and staging of each play. The results were as follows:

**Best Supporting Actress:** Aphumle Nofemele and Juliet Naudé

**Best Actress:** Katherine Wilson and Sophie Brannigan

**Best Director:** Sophia Wood and Camryn Robinson

**Best Play:** Queen Elizabeth House

It was an enjoyable and entertaining evening. The adjudicator, Miss Siobhan Day, was most complimentary in her feedback and congratulated the girls on their confident performances and the backstage and technical crews on their smooth set changes.

Thank you to the House Committees, House Heads, TECRU, all the teachers involved, especially Mrs Weideman.

**Mr J Batista**





*“When you lead with your heart, you have the power to transform any situation” – Regina Cates*

Leading with your heart, characterised by love, compassion and purpose, can transform not only your own life, but also the lives of those around you. Serving as the Head of Community Services on the Junior City Council has been an honour. We have been involved in various projects such as soup kitchens, beach clean-ups, sanitary pad drives and Christmas projects. We also visited a children's home and an old age home. I have enjoyed being part of political and leadership debates and discussions which made every council meeting memorable. Playing a part in transforming

the lives of many youths as a member of the JCC has been life-changing.

Thank you to Liyakhanya Speelman, our dedicated and supportive Junior member. She has fulfilled her duties effortlessly and with compassion. It has been a privilege to work alongside her. Liyakhanya has been appointed as the Head of Public Relations on the Junior City Council for 2025/2026. Thank you also to Miss Marx for her gentle and unwavering support.

**Sinalo Mfecane**



JCC

*First Row: S Mfecane, Miss K Marx, L Speelman*





## LITERARY SOCIETY

Collegiate's Literary Society is a society full of aspiring young writers. This year our members continued to immerse themselves in the joys of literature in all its forms. Our Friday meetings remained as stimulating as always, filled with impassioned discussions, unique exercises and captivating written works. Literary Society gives members a place to explore their minds, express themselves and discover their inner poet or playwright.

Literary Society meetings would not have been possible without the work of the committee members, Isabella Hendricks and Jennifer de Kock, who commandeered the Resource Centre with ease – leading our members in a number of prompt exercises that resulted in wonderful works of fiction. We took our love of literature and made a difference this year – hosting a vintage book sale during Literary Week in April that was a rousing success. All proceeds earned were donated to St Augustine's Primary School. We were able to visit the school in June to read to the young learners. In August, the annual Poetry Evening was held and Mr Batista presented to our



**LITERARY SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

*Back Row: J de Kock; Ms J Kromhout; E Pretorius; I Hendricks*

members. It was a night to be remembered, full of creativity and originality.

I am fortunate to have been a part of the Literary Society. Each moment I have shared with the committee, members and our brilliant Ms Kromhout has been special. I know the Literary Society will grow from strength to strength.

**Erin Pretorius**







### MATHEMATICS TUTORING

*Back Row: J Friskin, M Freercks, K Long, O Freercks, S Kruger, T Moahloli, E de Kock  
Third Row: S Wood, M McKerr, C Umeadim, C Pieterse, Y Mbekeni, H Camngca, O Boo  
Second Row: N Soomar, H Ahmed, C Yiannaros, U Nondlazi, T Beaton, L Mbekeni  
First Row: Mrs P Stephenson, J Naudé, V Makwetu, A Fani, C Louw, M Caliste*







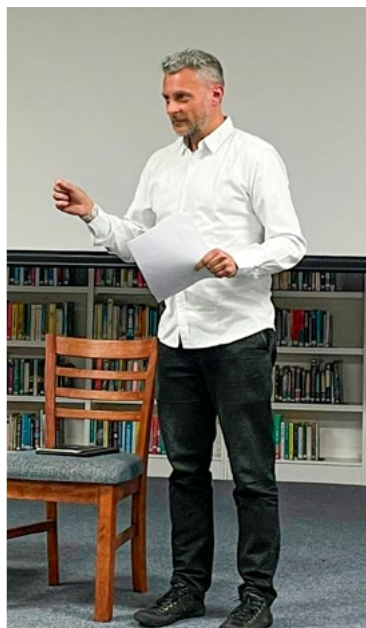
## POETRY EVENING

Unlike the dress code, the 2025 Poetry Evening was anything but monotone. The evening began with an incredible opening performance by Ms Kromhout and Mr Batista. Mr Batista, as the guest speaker, ensured that the event was a success. There were some laughs, a few tears, and a fantastic speech that rattled the paradigm of what poetry truly means to us. Everybody was given an opportunity to share

their own poetry, or pieces that really spoke to them. It saw an amazing turnout – Old Girls, Grade Eights, teachers and friends were present to listen, observe and converse.

Thank you to Ms Kromhout for creating a welcoming space for learners to share their voices, explore their creativity and inspire one another.

**Jennifer de Kock**





The Muslim Students' Association (MSA) is a vibrant society that seeks to provide a welcoming space for Muslim learners to explore and engage with their Islamic faith. It also offers an inclusive environment for learners who are curious about Islam and wish to expand their understanding of the religion.

The MSA holds weekly meetings every Monday and these gatherings encourage open group discussions, allowing members to share diverse perspectives, deepen their knowledge and foster a sense of community. Topics often include the role of faith in daily life, how Islamic principles can help us become better individuals and fun-filled, Islam-themed activities.

At the start of the year, the MSA actively promoted the society at the Grade Eight Camp, where learners were introduced to the basics of Islam and warmly invited to join. The association also participated in the school's Open Day, engaging with parents and prospective learners about the purpose and activities of the club. As part of the interactive experience, some learners tried on hijabs and burkas, traditional Islamic head coverings, to better understand Islamic culture and practices.

During the holy month of Ramadhaan, as Chairman, I was able to deliver an informative speech on the significance of the month of fasting, as well as the celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr and its associated traditions.

In the Second Term, the MSA members took part in the "Board Brag" competition, where we created posters exploring the intersection of literature and Islam. The society also hosted its annual charity event in the form of a 'Sweet Sale', with all proceeds donated to the IMASA Cataract Drive, an initiative that funds cataract surgeries for those in need.

In the Third Term, as part of Aspire Week, we had the honour of welcoming Moulana Shaheen Ismail as a guest speaker. His inspiring address focused on the importance of overlooking the faults of others and striving for personal growth.

A heartfelt thank you to all the dedicated learners who make the Muslim Students' Association a success. A special thank you must also go to Miss Reynolds for her ongoing support and invaluable presence.

**Assalamu Alaikum Wa Rahmatullahi Wa Barakatuh.**

**Faatima Adam**



**MSA**

*First Row: F. Adam, Miss J Reynolds*





## PEER PROMOTERS



In 2025, Collegiate blood donors truly embodied the school's motto of 'Facta non Verba'. As Blood Peer Promoters, we always look forward to our termly Blood Drives in the Stevenson Hall. One of the most rewarding feelings is seeing a familiar face return to donate again. It is always exciting meeting new donors who arrive nervous but leave with a smile. Donating blood is vital and has a more profound impact than one truly knows.

It was wonderful to witness eager learners and teachers donating blood as they play their part in saving lives, one drop of blood at a time. Being a Blood Peer Promoter has

been an honour and a privilege as it has taught me the importance of donating blood and provided me with a new and profound respect for donors.

Thank you to Mrs Jooste for her guidance, encouragement and for ensuring that everything runs smoothly and efficiently. She made being a Blood Peer Promoter an unforgettable experience. The Blood Peer Promoters would like to thank SANBS for ensuring that the donor's health is always put first and for providing each donor with a cookie, juice box and a small gift.

**Hemali Dullabh**



### PEER PROMOTERS

*Back Row: O Ntengu, H Dullabh, S Wood, C Kucherera  
First Row: L Lötzt, L Papu, Mrs J Jooste, J Murray, S Mfecane*





*“Physical fitness is the first requisite of happiness.” – Joseph Pilates*

Held twice a week, Pilates classes offer learners a valuable opportunity to strengthen their core, improve flexibility and enjoy a wonderful sense of community. Throughout the year, several Netball and Hockey players also joined the sessions, discovering how Pilates could enhance their balance, coordination and overall athletic performance.

Participants were introduced to a variety of Pilates techniques, enabling them to challenge themselves and extend their abilities. Learners approached each class with enthusiasm,

combining focused effort with moments of shared laughter and connection. We extend our sincere thanks to Miss van de Linde for generously sharing her extensive knowledge and experience during the sessions.

Pilates continues to be a rewarding activity for individuals of all fitness levels. We look forward to its ongoing success and to welcoming even more participants in 2026.

**Mrs S Vanderlinden**







## PRESIDENT'S AWARD PROGRAMME

The President's Award Programme is an internationally recognised initiative. At Collegiate, it continues to provide learners with incredible opportunities to grow in leadership,

service and personal development. Through commitment to community service, skills development, physical recreation and adventurous journeys, participants challenge themselves and build values that last a lifetime.

This year we were proud to celebrate the achievements of our participants who have worked diligently towards their awards. A special congratulations must go to Maria Freercks who attained her Gold Award.

We would also like to thank Mrs Arthur, whose support, guidance and encouragement make the Programme possible at Collegiate. Her dedication ensures that every participant has the opportunity to thrive and succeed. We look forward to seeing many more learners take on the challenge of the President's Award in 2026.

**Erin Wilson**



### PRESIDENT'S AWARD PROGRAMME

*Back Row: L Speelman, E Wilson, O Freercks, M Freercks, C Yiannaros  
First Row: S Mbabana, M Caliste, E Cameron, U Sonqishe, Mrs Arthur  
Absent: S Niazi, H Niazi, S Gous, I Dlula, T Raga, K Wilson*



On Wednesday 15 October, we were honoured to welcome Emma Sadleir (South Africa's leading expert on social media law and superhero attorney) as the keynote speaker for our second annual Public Lecture at Collegiate Girls' High School. This event follows last year's inaugural lecture by our patron, Professor Thuli Madonsela, who spoke on "Education as a Catalyst for Social Justice: Cultivating Integrity, Responsibility, and Equity in South Africa's Future Leaders."

Emma Sadleir is an admitted attorney with a BA LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand and an LLM in Information Technology, Media and Communications Law from the London School of Economics. She founded The Digital Law Company in 2013.

Her expertise spans defamation, privacy, hate speech, cyber-bullying, intellectual property and the disciplinary and reputational consequences of social media use.

Emma is also a prolific author. Her books include:

- *Don't Film Yourself Having Sex... And Other Legal Advice for the Age of Social Media* (2014)
- *Selfies, Sexes and Smartphones: A Teenager's Online Survival Guide* (2017)
- *How Not to Mess Up Online: A Teenager's Guide to Not Getting*

*Catfished, Arrested, Cancelled, Sued or Addicted* (2025)

Her work is deeply relevant to today's youth. As she said: "I'm the first responder when things go wrong in South Africa with children and they are going horribly wrong. I can't even tell you the kind of content these children are exposed to".

Her lecture challenged us to think critically about how we use digital platforms and how we can foster integrity and responsibility in our online lives.

**Mrs S Gerber**







## QUIZ CLUB

2025 has undoubtedly been an eventful year for the Quiz Club. Starting with the Grade Eight Orientation Camp at the beginning of the year, the Quiz Club put together a beautifully decorated stall and engaged with the Grade Eights. This led to many new members joining the club. We enjoyed Monday afternoons filled with trivia and treats in Mr Greenway's classroom.

Memories were made when the Quiz Club hosted a Music Trivia event on 10 March in The Games Club. Learners from all grades were able to test their musical knowledge against their classmates.

Term Two brought a new challenge as we recruited new members to take part in the much-anticipated Herald Isuzu Schools Quiz. Our team consisted of Mikaela Caliste, Sisipho Konza, Luné Kritzinger, Isha Kamba, Lilitha Papu, Iviwe Dlula, Izzy Casali and Vandyie Ntumba Makolo. Unfortunately, after a nail-biting semi-final round against Pearson High School, we did not proceed to the finals. Despite our bittersweet exit from the competition, we finished in the top eight out of 56 schools and were proud to raise the Collegiate flag high.

This year we also continued the tradition of hosting the Inter-House Quiz on the last day of Term Two where the five respective Houses and teachers competed for the title. The teachers emerged victorious followed by Queen Alexandra

House. Numerous questions were posed to the audience, allowing them the opportunity to win points for their House.

All this would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of all the members. I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Greenway whose continued support and commitment does not go unnoticed. We look forward to next year and everything it holds for Quiz Club.

**Mikaela Caliste**



**QUIZ CLUB COMMITTEE**

*L Papu, Mr P Greenway, M Caliste*





The Resource Centre, the school's haven of learning, reading and creativity, continues to provide learners with a welcoming space for study, research and relaxation, while continuing to nurture a love of books and knowledge across all grades.

With the library stock – physical and digital – being updated regularly with the latest in popular reads, our learners are truly spoilt for choice. The annual Readathon once again encouraged learners (regular library users as well as reluctant readers) to visit our shelves in order to select the perfect book in which to immerse themselves for two hours.

This year's book displays brought colour, energy and excitement into the Resource Centre. Learners enjoyed thought-provoking exhibitions for STEAM Week, Literary Week and the Aspire programme, which highlighted the wide range of resources available. In addition, themed displays celebrating the vibrancy of book covers proved especially popular: the bold red display asked readers, "RED any good books lately?"; the blue display claimed that "These

books BLUE us away"; the orange display teased, "ORANGE you glad you visited the library?"; and the cheerful pink display enticed girls by highlighting there are "So many books to PINK from." Each display succeeded in drawing attention to both old favourites and new discoveries on the shelves.

A very special addition to the Resource Centre this year was the installation of a new bookshelf, generously donated by the parents of Old Girl Nina Hampton (née Bok), who was herself an avid reader and is fondly remembered by our Collegiate community. A plaque with a dedication accompanies the bookshelf, serving as a lasting tribute and a reminder of her passion for literature.

Finally, sincere thanks must be extended to our library monitors, whose dedication and reliability ensure the smooth running of the Resource Centre on a daily basis. Their assistance with shelving, circulation and helping fellow learners is invaluable, and their cheerful service embodies the spirit of collaboration and responsibility that enriches the life of our school.

**Mrs Shone**



## RESOURCE CENTRE MONITORS

**Back Row:** H Campbell, E Kyazze, J Lotz, M Wessels, E de Kock, E Gobodo  
**Third Row:** M Ramokoena, J van Tonder, O Ntengu, H Dullabh, S Kanza, C Yiannaros  
**Second Row:** K Tufts, R Yon, A Makwetu, R Mukumbira, S Pappoe  
**First Row:** S Mochaba, Z Gomomo, M Caliste, F Adam, K Zulu, Mrs L Shone







The annual Natalie Stear and Charles Kayser Speech and Elocution Competitions took place on 12 May. Participants were required to recite a poem and monologue and read an unseen extract. It was a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon as participants demonstrated depth of insight and wonderful expression in their interpretations of the pieces. Congratulations to Isabella Casali, who placed first in the Junior section and Dion Duri, who placed first in the Senior section. Thank you to Chloé Shelton for giving of her time and expertise as the adjudicator.

**Ms J Kromhout**



*D Duri, I Casali*

## TRILINGUAL SPEECH COMPETITION



The annual Trilingual Speech Competition was held on 17 February 2025. The competition aims to showcase linguistic diversity and the public speaking talents of learners. Participants delivered speeches in English, Afrikaans and isiXhosa, demonstrating their fluency, confidence and their ability to engage an audience in multiple languages. The competition was judged by external adjudicators.

**The junior winners were:**

English (The Linder Shield) – Holly Tudhope

Afrikaans – Mia de Bruijn  
isiXhosa – Sanelisiwe Mbabana

**The senior winners were:**

English (The Audrey Sprenger Prize) – Aisha Mxokozeli  
Afrikaans (The Pistorius Trophy) – Lea Vermaak  
isiXhosa (The Jambela Shield) – Aisha Mxokozeli

We wish to congratulate these confident and talented public speakers.

**Mrs M Loubser**



*H Tudhope, S Mbabana, M de Bruijn*



*L Vermaak, A Mxokozeli*





## A Journey of Growth and Connection

Throughout 2025, the Simamele forum has continued to be a cornerstone of dialogue, reflection and personal growth within our school. Each term, learners gathered to engage with meaningful themes that encouraged both self-awareness and collective responsibility. This year's forums have guided learners on a journey from exploring who we are as individuals to addressing the challenges we face and finally to celebrating the power of unity as a community.

The first Simamele forum of the year was held in the Ivy Leaf with the theme of 'Identity'. Learners from different grades came together to reflect on what shapes who we are, shared personal insights and listened to one another's perspectives. The conversations were open and honest, fostering curiosity, empathy and self-reflection. This memorable start to the year left learners with a deeper appreciation of their own individuality, the uniqueness of others and the value of community in embracing identity.

The second Simamele forum brought learners together for an important discussion on anxiety. The session aimed to raise awareness, provide practical stress-management tools and build resilience in both personal and academic life. Guided by Mrs M Kelly, learners explored strategies such as mindfulness, healthy coping techniques and were encouraged to seek support when needed. A powerful moment was the shared recognition that no one faces anxiety alone, with many finding comfort in hearing their peers speak openly. The forum reinforced the school's commitment to mental wellness, leaving learners with greater resilience,

reassurance and self-compassion, while encouraging them to care for themselves and one another.

The third Simamele forum explored the theme '*Many Me's, One Us – Exploring the Power of Community*'. Building on earlier discussions of identity and wellbeing, this session turned the focus to the collective, inviting learners to reflect on how individuality and belonging shape a stronger whole. Conversations highlighted the balance between personal uniqueness and shared unity, celebrating diversity as a source of strength. Learners shared moments of support within the community, brainstormed practical ways to deepen connection—such as peer-support and mentorship—and recognised their responsibility in contributing to the common good. The forum was transformative, leaving girls with a renewed appreciation of belonging and a clear sense that their 'many me's' are vital to creating the 'one us.'

Together, the three Simamele forums of 2025 have guided learners through a meaningful progression: from self-discovery (Identity), to navigating challenges (Anxiety), to celebrating unity (Community). Each session has offered both personal insights and collective lessons, reminding us that growth is not only about knowing ourselves but also about supporting and uplifting others.

We are grateful to Mrs C Kelly for her ongoing support and guidance. Simamele is a transformative space for reflection, dialogue and connection. It is a reminder that our school community is strongest when we honour individuality while working together as 'one us'.

**Aqhama Poyana**





*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. – Matthew 5:14*

This has been a year of growth, joy and fellowship for the Student Christian Association. Each Wednesday, learners gathered to study the Bible, pray and share in a community where our faith could be deepened and friendships strengthened.

We began the year by welcoming the Grade Eights and promoting the SCA at the camp. Many of them joined our society and it was wonderful to see new faces eager to journey with the SCA. Our weekly sessions were not only times of prayer and Bible study but were also filled with games, laughter and engaging discussions that reminded us that

walking with Christ is both meaningful and joyful.

A highlight of the First Term was the visit from Walmer Methodist Youth, who shared an inspiring message that encouraged us to trust in God's plan—even when life brings challenges. We closed the term with a picnic where we celebrated with food, laughter and fellowship.

The Second Term brought our much-loved annual Easter egg hunt, where learners could eagerly search for marshmallow eggs during first break. While a fun-filled event, this tradition also reminded us of the joy and new life we have in Christ's resurrection. We were also treated to an Easter-themed talk



## SCA COMMITTEE

*Back Row: C Jansen Van Rensburg; H Campbell; C Jansen Van Rensburg  
First Row: J Friskin; Mrs Z Grobbelaar; S Botha*





## STUDENT CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

by our very own school counsellor, Miss van Rooyen.

As a society, we aim to spread the love of Jesus and one of the most meaningful experiences this year was our outreach to the Intsika Project in the Third Term. Our members spent the afternoon in Greenbushes, helping Grades Four to Seven learners with their homework. Of course, we also made time for fun and games! This experience reminded us of the importance of serving others and of living out our faith in practical ways. We also welcomed back Walmer Methodist Youth as a part of the School's Aspire to Thrive programme.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the 2025 committee for their dedication, support and sacrifices throughout the year. An extra special thanks goes to Mrs Grobbelaar for her unwavering guidance, wisdom and encouragement, and for being such a constant source of support to me and the girls.

2025 has truly been a year of friendship, faith and fellowship for the SCA. May it continue to be a light, drawing learners closer to Him in the years ahead.

**Jennifer Friskin**





Tecru is an incredibly special society at Collegiate. We work behind the scenes to create the magic that is displayed on the stage through light, sound and visuals.

Many positive memories have been made this year as we have had the opportunity to work on many productions.

Tecru members assisted with Collegiate's production of 'Romeo and Juliet' which was a new experience for many of the Tecru girls as the equipment was much more advanced than normal. Therefore, we got to learn and discover the more technical side of working backstage.

Other highlights were definitely the Matric Fashion Show, 'Fairytale Follies' and the annual Inter-House plays. Each girl stepped up and showed immense responsibility with all of these commitments which meant many hours of rehearsals and late nights spent at school.

Thank you to Mrs Weideman for her support and the time she puts into this society to assist us.

Thank you to each and every Tecru girl who brought their light to the stage this year. I am going to miss you all but I know you will continue to shine bright.

**Jordyn-Leigh Roman**



#### TECRU

*E de Kock, J Naudé, Mrs D Weideman, O Ntengu*

*Absent: J Roman*





## THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



This year the Collegiate Photography Club members continued to strengthen their knowledge and skills so as to serve the many photographic needs of the school.

Early on in the year, we were visited by a guest speaker, Christine Harding, who shared her journey of professional photography. We were fortunate to gain insight from her during our Thursday meetings and her advice proved invaluable. The Photography Club was soon able to apply her advice when tasked with photographing Aquatics Day.

Throughout the year, we studied award-winning photographs with the idea of incorporating these techniques into our own work. In preparation for the annual House Plays, a specialised workshop in theatre photography was also held.

In addition to covering a wide variety of school events, the Photography Club also hosted a few internal Photography Club competitions. One was based on the theme "Growth",

inspired by Aspire Week. The results were exceptional, with many photographers submitting their own unique creative interpretation of the challenge.

Before the much-anticipated expedition to Addo Elephant National Park in September, the Photography Club attended an inspiring workshop on wildlife photography. The excursion was unforgettable and the school bus was filled with camera – clicking excitement at the sight of diverse wildlife. We returned with outstanding photographs, capturing every detail of our expedition.

Thank you to the Photography Committee for their unwavering support and willingness always to assist at a moment's notice. The Photography Club will always be grateful to Mr Greenway for his photographic expertise, encouragement and guidance throughout the year.

**Lara Löt**



### THE COLLEGIATE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

*Back Row: A Mehlo, L Adams, S Kruger, V Ntumb Makolo, E Horak, Z Davids*

*First Row: M Dyanty, I Casali, S Wood, Mr P Greenway, L Löt, M Mangengwana*

*Absent: C Waller*









## TUCKSHOP

When the bell rings signalling that it is first break, second break or the end of the school day, one can spot many girls running to the tuckshop. They are eager to buy some of their favourite foods such as chips, chicken strips and freshly-baked brownies. The delicious smells emanating from the tuckshop in the morning certainly get the stomach juices flowing and the taste buds ready to sample the food on offer.

The tuckshop monitors enjoy performing tasks such as making slushies, packing fresh popcorn into bags and serving the hungry learners.

I would like to thank the friendly Hoofmeisies staff for ensuring the tuckshop runs smoothly and Mrs Jooste for organising the termly duty schedules.

**Juliet Naudé**



### TUCKSHOP MONITORS

*Back Row: M Ramokoena, M Mc Kerr, T Moahloli, D Duri*

*First Row: A Gqeke, J Naudé, Mrs J Jooste, L Rala*

*Absent: M Majara*

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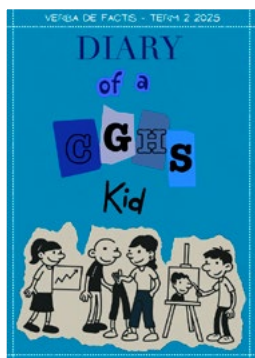
**V**erba De Factis, also known as the VDF, is a special group at Collegiate. The rebirth of Collegiate's school newspaper was an attempt to connect the girls through the idea of 'for the girls, by the girls' and it definitely worked.

A dedicated team of Collegiate girls, ranging from Grade Nine to Grade Twelve, work together to create newspaper editions every term. These editions have been received well by the rest of the school with girls even giving recommendations regarding article topics. The VDF creates a space for girls to explore their passion for writing and designing and to create pieces of work that they are proud to publish.

A special thanks must go to Miss Potgieter for the hard work she has put into making the VDF such a success. Thank you to all the girls involved in either the journalism team, the design team or the editorial team. All your hard work is appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. We are also grateful for the support from the school.

It has been an honour serving the school as part of the VDF for the last three years and I look forward to seeing the growth of the girls and the society itself.

**Jordyn-Leigh Roman**



### VDF

*Back Row: P Brooks, C Strydom, M Wessels, K Halferty*

*Third Row: R Yan, C Yiannaros, G Snygans, J van Tonder, M Ramakoena*

*Second Row: S Greevelink, J Kruger, F Adam, L Mbekeni, C Pearce*

*First Row: A Poyana, E Ball, E Pretorius, J Roman, M Hoyle, Miss L Potgieter*



The Xhosa Society has had a fantastic year, displaying our talents and energy at several events. We performed at the Open Days, impressing prospective families and added fun to the Grade Eight camp. Performing in the quad one breaktime to preview our contribution to the Victoria Park High School Africa Day celebrations, proved very successful. Excitement levels were raised, resulting in a memorable performance at the actual event.

The Xhosa Society also participated in the annual Heritage Day Assembly where the spirit of South Africa and its diverse traditions was celebrated. The Xhosa Society's members continue to show our passion for the Xhosa culture through our performances.

We wish to thank Miss Timba for her support and encouragement this year.

**Lisakhanya Gqunta**



**XHOSA SOCIETY COMMITTEE**

*Y Ncula, L Gqunta, Miss N Timba, O Ntengu, L Speelman*





### **XHOSA TUTORING**

*Back Row: A Mxokozeli, O Ntengu*

*First Row: M Yoyo, K Spire, Miss N Timba, L Papu*







With every blanket, every square and every stitch, a life was changed on 18 July.

In honour of Nelson Mandela's contribution to the restoration of democracy, peace and equality in our country, the Collegiate community came together for a collective act of kindness and giving. The target of 67 blankets was comfortably exceeded as a total of 222 blankets were distributed to various charities in the Gqeberha area, including Community Chest, Love Story, Silitumba Labadala Feeding Scheme and Mosaic Port Elizabeth.

With a minimum requirement of five blankets per class, Collegiate learners truly outdid themselves and brought warmth and hope to many people this winter. From grandmothers and aunts to the learners themselves, everyone was involved in spreading generosity through this incredible initiative.

We are grateful to all those who sacrificed their time to improve the lives of Gqeberha's less fortunate. This selfless act of service is greatly appreciated by those who received our creations of compassion. As Nelson Mandela once said, "There can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to help others without expecting anything in return".

**Clarice Pieterse**



*Collegiate Girls' High School*

**67**

**67 Blankets Challenge**

In support of 67 minutes for Mandela Day

Squares must be knitted in DOUBLE 4mm Wool

- Any colour
- Use 8mm Knitting Needles
- Pattern:
- Cast on 32 stitches
- Knit 60 rows in plain or garter stitch
- Cast off
- Crochet Squares: 10cm x 10cm

**Due Date: 27 June**







# NATIONAL ALL GIRLS' SPORT AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL

This year the All Girls' Sport and Cultural Festival was held at Wynberg Girls' High School in Cape Town.

This prestigious festival brought together twenty public all girls' schools from across the country, providing a platform for our talented young women to showcase their skills and engage in a variety of competitive and enriching activities.

Collegiate participated in a wide array of events, including Hockey, Netball, Squash, Tennis, E-Sports, Chess, Cross-Country, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, MasterChef, Art, Vocal Ensemble and Drama. We are exceptionally pleased with the dedication, commitment, and talent demonstrated by our girls across all disciplines.

While certain events such as Creative Writing, Public Speaking, Vocal Ensemble, MasterChef, Art and Drama were not based on rankings, our girls were enriched by the opportunity to participate in multiple workshops led by well-established and esteemed professionals in their respective fields. The Creative Writing participants had the privilege of working with a published author. The Art programme explored diverse artistic forms. The Drama participants engaged in collaborative performances with other schools and received valuable critiques and feedback from experts. The MasterChef participants had the extraordinary experience of visiting the Silwood School of Cookery in Cape Town, a world-renowned culinary institution. Our Public Speaking participants also performed commendably.

This year marked the inaugural inclusion of E-Sports at the National All Girls' Festival, and Collegiate was one of the pioneering schools to participate in this event. We are particularly proud to single out the team led by Mr McLachlan, who achieved an outstanding first place overall ranking in this tournament.

Our First Squash team once again won Bronze medals, maintaining a consistent high standard over the past few years. Our First Netball team, for the first time in Collegiate's history of attending the National All Girls' Festival, also secured a remarkable third place. The First Hockey team, reached the final and, with immense pride, emerged victorious, winning the National All Girls' Festival championship!

Beyond the achievements, it was the spirit of camaraderie and support that truly stood out. Seeing so many other schools cheering from the sidelines for Collegiate, and receiving congratulations and well wishes from staff members from across the country, was a powerful reminder of the special privilege it is to be a part of this magnificent institution.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers for their dedication and encouragement.

Mrs C Posthumus

ACTIVITY	RESULTS/AWARDS	FINAL PLACING
Chess		Sixth overall
Cross Country		Sixth overall
E-Sports	Kayla Lotz first place in the Rocket League	First overall
Hockey	Kerrin Gillies - Top Goal Scorer and Player of the Tournament	First overall
Netball		Third overall
Tennis		Eighth overall
Squash		Third overall









## THE NATIONAL ALL GIRLS' AQUATICS FESTIVAL

After a break of a few years, Collegiate once again competed at the National All Girls' Aquatics Festival held in East London and hosted by Clarendon School for Girls.

The Collegiate swimmers did the school proud, winning a total of six podium medals. Medalists included: Jemmah Roman, Morgan Gous, Sienna Gous, Jeandré Lodewyks, Sabella Serdyn, Grace Thomas, Zandri Knoetze, Madison Higgs, Brigid Guest, and Alexis Fourie.

The First Water Polo team consisted of six new caps as the Matric players were unavailable because of the Matric Dance. They played well and achieved sixth place.

### Results:

Collegiate vs St Stithians 2-6

Collegiate vs Clarendon Second Team 10-1

Collegiate vs Maris Stella 6-4

Collegiate vs St Mary's Waverley 4-6

Collegiate vs Clarendon 4-9 (Quarter Finals)

Collegiate vs St Mary's Waverley 2-3 (Fifth and Sixth Playoff)

**Mrs Posthumus**





## ALL GIRLS' AQUATICS TEAM

*Back Row:* S Gous, B Guest, C van Bochove, E de Witt, C Watson, G Thomas

*Middle Row:* M Everts, J Lodewyks, S Serdyn, M Gous, L Fourie, M Higgs, J Roman

*Front Row:* Mrs C Posthumus, I Minderon, J Brown, M Fourie, M Scowby, A Larter, A Burrell, M Fourie

*Absent:* Z Knoetze, Miss C Rawson







## GRADE ELEVEN GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

**L**andscapes of Learning: Adventures on a Geography Tour  
The adventure began when eighteen Grade Eleven Geography girls piled into buses and set off on an adventure outside of the classroom.

Along the way, we stopped to admire sparse terrain and the hidden beauty of the semi-arid landscape. Tandjiesberg towered over us with its rocky cliffs and tooth-like features lining the ridge of the mountain where we were now able to understand why the mountain appears this way.

Nieu Bethesda welcomed us with sunny skies, streaming canals and rows of pear and willow trees. It is a quaint, dusty village in the middle of nowhere but rich in culture and history. The Owl House stands as a beacon of secrets and artistry – from the colourful stained windows, black room, garden of cement statues and glass bottles, to the symbols guarding the world of a bright, lonely and troubled woman. At the Fossil Museum, we witnessed how fossils are extracted. Once we were on the dry riverbed, we saw partially visible fossils embedded in rock. The educational videos aided in expanding our knowledge of the past and reminding us of where we came from.

We then travelled to the Camdeboo National Park to view Graaff-Reinet from above. In the Provincial Karoo Nature Reserve, we hiked up to the Valley of Desolation, where we were given ten minutes of quiet time to admire, listen and watch and were able to grasp how the dolerite dykes were formed from volcanic rock.

In Graaff-Reinet, Profcon Resort Cottages became our home away from home and our final stop on day one. After breakfast on Saturday, we tackled the three-kilometre Gideon Scheepers Trail. We then drove to the Graaff-Reinet Museum, a manor seemingly plucked out of history and placed into the modern world. It felt like time-travelling, as every room we entered was filled with history.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly for planning, organising and sacrificing her weekend to make the Geography trip so special. Thank you to Mr Scholtz for accompanying us and being an excellent chauffeur and tour-guide. It was an honour to experience the reality of things we only read about and see in textbooks. It brought what we have learnt to life and we were given an opportunity to appreciate the world of Geography.

**Kayla Halferty**





On Wednesday 25 June, our Grade 10 Geography class embarked on an unforgettable excursion that brought our learning to life in the most meaningful ways.

Our first stop was Transnet, where we were introduced to the inner workings of one of South Africa's most important trade hubs. We explored the behind-the-scenes operations of the port, from the movement of cargo to the coordination of exports and imports and gained valuable insight into the variety of career paths available in the maritime and logistics industries. Seeing it all first-hand gave us a new appreciation for how Geography connects to real-world systems.

From there, we visited Nelson Mandela University, where we were welcomed by some of their most passionate and knowledgeable lecturers. They spoke to us about GIS Google Earth Engine, rock engineering and geology. But more than just facts and tools, they offered us inspiration. We were

reminded that the world is our oyster, that *"knowledge is king,"* and that we must always *"stay curious and never say no."* Their words were uplifting, reminding us that education is not just about information, but transformation.

Our next destination was the South African Weather Station at the airport. This was a special part of the day, as we were able to see everything we've been studying in our climatology booklets come to life. We walked among the instruments, watched a weather balloon being released, and experienced how weather data is collected and interpreted.

We ended the day together, sharing laughs and ice cream, feeling both lighter and wiser. This excursion wasn't just about places we visited, it was about opening our minds to the endless possibilities that Geography offers. It was a reminder that learning can be powerful, moving, and deeply personal.







## GRADE ELEVEN CAMP

On 22 April, an excited group of Grade Elevens left for the Addo Adrenaline campsite. After a long, muddy trip on the bus, we finally arrived and were greeted by friendly camp leaders.

The activities started off with us having to pitch our own tents. This simple task proved to be a challenge and required all the girls to focus and work together to pitch the tents properly. We were then split into ten groups, in which we would complete all the activities for the rest of the camp.

The activities consisted of ziplining, a scenic citrus tour of the farm, an obstacle course, a leadership course and canoeing. The zipline was definitely the favourite activity for many of the girls. After a steep and muddy hike, backing out was not an option even after the guide told us it was the longest, fastest and highest double zipline in South Africa.

The day came to an end with everyone sitting around the fire for a potjie-making competition. All the groups were under pressure to finish preparing, seasoning and cooking a delicious potjie for dinner. We ended the night with some evening exercise and then headed to our tents for a good night's rest.

A special thank you must be made to Mrs Vlok who made this camp possible. Thank you to Mrs Erasmus, Miss Coetzee, Miss Timba, Mr Shone, Mr McLachlan and Mrs Loubser who accompanied us. We will be forever grateful for the memories we made on this camp and will remember them for many years to come.

**Kerrin Gillies and Taryn Peltenburg**







**F**rom the Classroom to Walking with Nature: Life Sciences Lessons from the Reserve.

A buzz was felt in the passages on 29 September, as the Grade Eleven Life Sciences learners eagerly prepared themselves to venture further than the school grounds for the day on our journey to Van Stadens Nature Reserve. We were going 'rain or shine' – and rain it did.

Our welcome party consisted of grey clouds, muddy puddles and a consistent drizzle. We normally associate rain with gloom, but for nature, rain brings relief and life. Despite being forced to hide under rain jackets, we were able to appreciate the earth as it rejuvenated itself in front of our eyes. Thankfully, the rain lifted but the clouds remained stubborn. After huddling in our groups and taking a photograph of the map consisting of the different trails, everyone set off to explore.

Though we were tasked with completing sections of our project based on our surroundings, it was hard not to admire the scenery of the natural wonderland, from gentle streams, glistening rocks to endless fields of fynbos. Even though the

day was overcast, our hearts were bright. Over the sounds of laughter and squelching steps, we could hear the rhythm of traffic from over the bridge and the tweeting conversations of the birds at the bird hide. Some of the lessons learnt along the way included appreciating nature in its entirety, trusting ourselves (mainly our balancing and hiking skills), and relying on others for encouragement as well as perseverance. The stiff legs and weariness were worth it in the end. Despite leaving with muddy shoes, damp pants and a few bruises, the memories created will stick with us like the rain stuck to our hair.

Thank you to Mr Marriott, Miss Mkhonza and Mrs Arthur for planning, organising and making sure everything ran safely and smoothly. Thank you to Mrs Kelly for accompanying us. It was good to explore different environments in reality rather than on textbook pages. It was a wonderful way also to connect with friends and reconnect with nature. This excursion displays how not all learning happens in a classroom and that even nature can be a great teacher if only you take a step outside.

**Kayla Halforty**







## GRADE EIGHT CAMP

The Grade Eight camp was a memorable and fun-filled experience that left a lasting impression on everyone who attended. Blessed with sunny weather, the camp held on campus, provided the perfect setting for outdoor activities, bonding and adventure.

The Grade Eights participated in various activities organised by the 2025 prefect body, who along with the register teachers, worked hard to ensure that the camp was both well-structured and enjoyable. From team-building challenges to creative exercises, the activities encouraged collaboration, friendship and laughter. Most of the grade ended up enjoying a refreshing swim before lunch on Friday after a hot and busy morning.

In the afternoon, the Grade Eights had informative sessions

where they learnt the school song and were able to sign up to join various societies at the societies' sign-up fair.

The much anticipated 'Ghost Walk' was a definite highlight, and the girls thoroughly enjoyed the lively early morning aerobics, dance and singing session on Saturday morning.

The camp ended with the traditional and hotly contested Banana Relay with A4, Mrs Botha's class, once again taking home the coveted trophy.

After camp, a braai for Grade Eight parents and learners was held at The Games Club, organized by Ms Monaghan, Mrs Nel and Mrs Jooste. It was a lovely chance for parents to get to know each other and meet some of the teachers.

**Ms K Monaghan and Mrs H Carter**











## GRADE EIGHT RITES OF PASSAGE AND MATRIC INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

The annual Rites of Passage Assembly serves to recognise the Grade Eight learners as part of Collegiate Girls' High School. The Grade Eights do not wear blazers for the first two weeks of the school year, so in this assembly after the Grade Eight camp, their Old Pot helps them put on their blazer, symbolizing their formal entry into the Collegiate community. The Grade Eights also sing the first verse of the school song together as a grade.

As the new leaders of the school, the Grade Twelves received their Matric badges and recited the Matric Pledge.

This assembly is always special and brings a sense of pride and tradition and emphasises the bond of sisterhood between the grades. It highlights the importance and value of unity and mentorship within the school.

**Mrs H Carter**







The Prefect camp, held at the beautiful DSG Monastery from 17 to 19 October, was an opportunity for the 2026 Prefects to discover each other's unique strengths and to connect, as we were able to hear one another's stories and grow closer as a group.

We started the camp with a session entitled 'Honouring our Name'. The second workshop put our artistic skills to the test as we were tasked to create a 'tree of life'. The activity facilitated by Mrs Grobbelaar encouraged us to look back on our lives and forward towards our future goals and present these to the group. With many powerful testimonies shared, it was evident that the Prefect Body of 2026 have overcome adversity and are committed to making a difference. Competitive spirits later came to the fore during a table tennis and foosball tournament where we witnessed some incredible hidden talents.

Saturday comprised workshops facilitated by an external facilitator, Mr Kyle Nel, which focused on servant leadership; finding the "why" so we could discover our vision for 2026; and lastly, the laws of leadership. We also attempted the 'marshmallow challenge', an internationally recognised

problem-solving activity where our leadership and architectural skills were put to the test.

On Sunday morning, we crafted our vision for 2026. After hours of collaborating, we came up with an innovative vision that portrays our passion for our individual portfolios.

The icy weather allowed us to enjoy games of 30 Seconds, sing, dance and use the free time for a much needed nap.

Helen Keller said: *"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much"*. I have no doubt that our Prefect Body will stand as one and face challenges together.

Thank you to Mrs Lotz, Mrs Grobbelaar and Mr Kyle Nel. It was a wonderful opportunity to build trust and learn more about one another. We appreciate Mrs Erasmus's ongoing support.

**Mikaela Caliste**







## SPEECH NIGHT PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 2025

Awards Ceremony, 16 October 2025

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen, Welkom Dames en Hêre, Molweni Manene Namanenekazi.

It is my privilege to welcome you to our annual Speech Night and Prize-Giving Ceremony. A very warm welcome to our guest speaker Donna Preston née Stephens, whose presence honours us and whose words will, I am sure, inspire us. We welcome on stage Mrs Shelley van Rooyen, Principal of Collegiate Junior School for Girls, our School Management Team, and the Academic staff. We also welcome our Administrative staff, Mrs Debbie Wallace, the Deputy Principal of Collegiate Junior School and colleagues from our fellow schools, Dr Whale, Principal of Herbert Hurd Primary School and Ms Rhodes, Deputy Principal of Clarendon Park Primary School. Welcome to the Chairperson of our School Governing Body, Mr Grant Kucherera, and fellow SGB members. Welcome to past Deputy and Acting Principal, Mrs Faith Biggs and her husband, and fellow past staff members. From our brother school, Grey High School, Head Boy Michael Smith and Deputy Head Boy Zephyr Smith – welcome gentlemen. Finally, we are pleased to welcome alumnae, parents, friends of Collegiate, and of course, our learners – especially our Grade Twelves, who are on the threshold of their final examinations.

### From Celebration to Building

Last year, the “grand old lady” turned 150 and what a jubilee year it was! We unveiled *Courage*, our statue of the eternal Collegiate girl, we walked the new Jubilee Walkway and we celebrated with concerts, conferences and carols. It was a year that sparkled with action and joy.

But anniversaries are fleeting. The bunting is taken down, the cake is eaten and life asks: *what next?* This year has been about answering that question. Our theme for 2025, “*Living our Values; Building our Future*”, has guided us from celebration into purposeful building. Each grade has carried one value: work ethic, respect, responsibility, compassion, and integrity and together they have become chisels with which we shape the Collegiate of tomorrow.

### Living Our Values in Action

#### Academics – Good Work Ethic

The Matric class of 2024 gave us cause for pride: a 100% pass rate, with 129 of 130 girls achieving Bachelor passes, and 254 subject distinctions across the grade. Out of 910 subject results, there was only one failure.

This year, learning has been alive with energy. STEAM Week steamed ahead with AI-generated poetry, drone coding workshops, E-Sports, robotics, and even a Mathematics Pi challenge. Literary Week reminded us of the power of stories: Old Girl Simran Juglal returned to lead a ghost-story writing workshop, our Grade Tens read to their little sisters at Collegiate Junior, and the Readathon raised over R71 000



for bathroom renovations and quad seating. Several learners were published in *English Alive*, while others excelled in national competitions from the English Olympiad to the Royal Society of South Africa Science Essay Competition.

Academics at Collegiate are not only about results but about cultivating a good work ethic — habits of perseverance, curiosity and excellence that will build futures far beyond our gates.

#### Service and Outreach – Compassion

*Facta non Verba* – Deeds not Words has once again pulsed through our school. Learners raised R74 500 at the “Once Upon a Time” Charity Bazaar, funds which went to Project Flamingo’s “Make Room for Her” campaign to bring dignity to women in Livingstone Hospital’s cancer wards.

The Studying Sisterhood continued its mentoring, and many gave selflessly to the various peer tutoring programmes. Our outreach has stretched from environmental projects to quiet acts of kindness; from tutoring to sandwich-making; from blanket-making to volunteering at animal welfare. These deeds of compassion remind us that the smallest act can ripple into the greatest impact.

#### Sport – Integrity and Respect

On the fields, courts and in the pool, Collegiate sport has thrived. Twenty-five of our girls represented Eastern Province in Hockey, six in Squash, one in Tennis, one in Chess and others in Swimming, Athletics, Lifesaving, Gymnastics and more. At National Level, we celebrate five South African representatives in Hockey, three in Swimming, one in Artistic



Swimming, two in Lifesaving, one in Chess, and even some of our Irish Dancers participated internationally.

Our teams also excelled at the National All Girls' Schools' Sport and Cultural Festival, bringing home medals in multiple codes: Hockey and E-Sports claimed first place, Netball achieved third and Squash also secured third place. Within Hockey specifically, this season the First Team placed fifth in the National Rankings, the U16A ranked twelfth, and the U14A seventh. The combined Collegiate Hockey programme achieving an outstanding fifth place overall in the SA School Sports Rankings.

Yet beyond the medals and selections, it is integrity that matters most: the fairness with which our teams play, the respect they show to their opponents, and the courage with which they face challenge. These are the lessons that endure long after the final whistle.

## Culture and the Arts – Responsibility and Creativity

Our musicians, dramatists and dancers have given us a year of beauty. The Concert Band returned from George with Gold in the Symphonia Competition. Learners shone in the SASMT Music Competition Finals, the Pearson Praeludium and the Eastern Cape Youth Concerto Festival. The Choir was magnificent in full voice, and the Xhosa Society was lauded for its performance at Africa Day Celebrations hosted by a fellow school. Productions from *Fairytale Follies* to *Romeo and Juliet* filled our stage with energy, while "Musical Moments" and

the Art Exhibition reminded us that performing and Visual Arts, like responsibility, are best when shared with others.

To create is to take responsibility: to practise diligently, to collaborate generously, to offer one's gifts for the joy of others.

## Hostel and Sisterhood – Community

Waterfield House remains a beating heart of Collegiate. This year, all the bathrooms in the hostel were upgraded, making it an even more welcoming and comfortable space. Yet the true strength of Waterfield House lies not in its facilities but in its spirit. The camaraderie and pride of the boarders are unmatched, creating a bond that is the envy of the school Houses and enriching the life of the wider school community.

## Building Our Future

The sesquicentenary celebration last year included the upgrading of the school building and several campus projects, which we now enjoy.

- The Water Polo girls train in the cold months in a heated pool.
- The Southsure Fitness Centre hums with activity guided by our in-house biokinetics team: it is a hub for strength-conditioning and wellbeing.
- *Courage* stands proudly in the beauty of the quad.
- The Jubilee Walkway and Garden of Reflection have become serene and welcoming spaces, a legacy left by Old Girls who continue to give back.







## SPEECH NIGHT PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS 2025

As we celebrate and enjoy these achievements, we look forward with determination.

- The Music Centre project, under Millennia Architects, has begun. Thank you to our School Governing Body for investing in a vision that will serve generations through the gift of music.
- Our Parents and Teachers Association has stepped up with enthusiasm, raising funds through a golf day and other events and now the covering of the Games Club deck will become a reality.

But our most important future project is not of brick or steel. It is the formation of young women who will leave here carrying integrity, responsibility, compassion, a good work ethic and respect into a society that desperately needs them.

### To the Class of 2025

To our Grade Twelves: you are about to cross the threshold of your school career. Ahead of you lies the final test of work ethic and self-leadership — your examinations. May you prepare with focus, sit with confidence, and step forward with courage. Your true legacy will not be your marks, but the values you carry into the world.

### Gratitude

Tonight, we celebrate excellence, spirit and good character. Congratulations to each award recipient on your good work ethic and sound values.

I thank our dedicated staff: academic, cultural, sporting, administrative, hostel and support — whose loyalty and care make Collegiate thrive. Thank you to our Governors for wise stewardship and to our parents for entrusting us with your daughters and walking this journey alongside us.

### Conclusion – Stories that Build the Future

As we close, I turn to the voices of our Old Girls. Over fifteen months, our social media platforms have been filled with their stories — from the 1950s to the present day. Stories of comediennes, barristers, pilots, mothers, accountants, artists and teachers. Different lives, different places, yet always the same thread: that Collegiate shaped them with values, resilience, and sisterhood.

Words in the last post of the campaign said it best: *"The quality education. The supportive environment. The encouragement. The friendships. The values. The spirit of giving. These things bind us as Collegiate girls. They last a lifetime."*

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the legacy we continue to build — not only in celebrations past, but in the living of our values today. May we continue, together as the Collegiate community, to live our values and build a future of which we will be proud.

Ladies and Gentlemen, thank you for joining us tonight and may you enjoy the proceedings.

**Mrs L Erasmus**





Good evening to Mrs Erasmus, staff, parents and very special girls of the College.

It is an honour to be with you here tonight.

I spent some time reflecting on my own high school years at Collegiate and trying to reconnect to that version of myself and find some common ground with you. A flood of memories came rushing back. One in particular still makes me laugh and cringe and maybe it will give you a laugh too. I was very involved in High School - so much so that my sister used to tease me that I walked lopsided from all the badges on my blazer.

But the thing that really made me feel 'cool' was playing the drumkit in the Orchestra and Jazz Band. I loved it - it was my thing. I even had a kit set up in my bedroom. My dad would bang the cymbal to wake me up! I was in Grade Eight. We had just returned from a Jazz Band tour to Grahamstown and were performing one of our pieces in assembly, featuring my drum solo. I had practised it 100 times. My sister who was in Matric was so excited and told all her friends to sit up front. They even moved the drum kit to the front so everyone could see. Then the moment came - my big solo. Right then, my drumsticks flew out of my hands. Silence - absolute silence. Just a hall full of gasps! So, while I truly appreciate the kind introduction tonight, I always keep stories like that close. I have many more because no matter how far we go, how much we achieve, it is important to stay grounded and to remember that we all mess up sometimes. I remind my girls of that often. Success is never about being perfect. It is about being real, resilient and being able to laugh at yourself along the way.

Tonight, I would love to take a few moments to share some of the more meaningful - and sometimes unexpected - moments from my life through three key themes.

The first theme you have heard before. It is not glamorous and it will not make headlines, but it is powerful when used at the right time: **Work hard.**

I definitely do not mean burning yourself out or working nonstop. The real skill is learning when to push and knowing why it matters. Some moments at school really do count and when they come, you have to knuckle down and give it your all. I remember those months after Matric exams of total freedom with no responsibilities, just fun. That break will always feel especially good if you have put the work in when it mattered.

At University, it was the same story. I worked hard when it counted but trust me, I still had plenty of time to 'jol'! I also made a choice to treat University as more than just academics. I wanted to grow - to learn life lessons, gain independence, figure out how to manage a budget and navigate the real world. I qualified as a group training instructor and I ran the University gym's aerobics and spinning department. I taught classes there and received money for this side hustle



which I loved.

Throughout my career, I have shown up and put in the work when it mattered most. In the early days of my corporate journey, I was a true morning person. I would often wake up early enough to squeeze in a workout and still be at my desk before others. I used to teach spinning classes at Virgin Active at 5.30am and be at my desk by 7.30am. Those quiet early hours were my most productive.

I have always made it a point to leave the office at a reasonable hour, but I would often log back in the evenings for an hour or so to catch up on admin. That consistency and the willingness to go the extra mile when needed did not go unnoticed. Over time, it paid off. I progressed in my career and eventually earned the flexibility to set my own hours which was a dream come true.

At Shoprite (on the Checkers brand), I was the first person in Marketing formally to reduce my working hours. It started when I became a parent. I wanted to beat the traffic and be home in time to take my girls to the park, give them baths, and be fully present in those early years. I shifted to leaving the office at 4p.m. I still delivered results. Eventually, I transitioned to a five-hour work day. That kind of balance would not have been possible without the groundwork I had laid over the years. Today I work on special projects for Checkers and Checkers Sixty60 like the branded Sixty60 aeroplane and campaigns with Jamie Oliver. I have no set hours. I just need to get the work done.

My husband's journey is a similar story of grit and long-term investment. He runs a successful composting business, 'Landscapers Choice', which supplies most major nurseries and landscapers in the Western Cape. It has been 27 years in the making. He did not take a salary for many of those





early years and worked incredibly hard to build something sustainable. Today, he enjoys a level of financial freedom and flexibility that is only possible because of the time and effort he put in. He is his own boss but that freedom was earned, not handed to him.

I saw the same ethos in action at Takealot, where I worked during its early start-up phase. The very small team had big dreams and the pace was relentless. For a while, my laptop felt like an extension of me. It was not sustainable, but I understood it was a season and one that was totally worth it. I leaned in, gave it everything I had and came away with valuable experience, pride in my contributions and strong relationships. I am still in touch with the founder to this day.

Work hard when it counts. Lean in when the opportunity calls for it and when you do, the rewards – whether it is a sense of accomplishment, financial growth, or simply the ability to enjoy life on your terms will feel all the more meaningful. Just like how for me cheesecake or a strong coffee with a rusk tastes even better after a long run.

After Takealot, I moved to Checkers where the business was more established. It was a new phase, one where I could bring my experience to the table, but also lean on strong, capable teams. I found a great balance there and I am proud of what I achieved in both roles.

That brings me to my second theme. **Find Your Magic.**

I know it is a phrase that gets used a lot but let me ground it in something personal. For a long time, I was not even sure I had any magic to offer. I have struggled with imposter syndrome throughout my career. I often questioned why I kept getting promoted, why I was earning more, why people trusted me with more responsibility. Now, after more than twenty years in the corporate world, I am starting finally to understand what I can bring to the table. Trust me, if you are not sure what your magic is just yet, please do not worry!

For me it is not a hard skill you can write on a CV. It is not about numbers, degrees, or certificates. My magic, so I have been told, is about being true to myself – showing up as someone who is authentic, empathetic, humble and emotionally intelligent. I am a good communicator. I value strong leadership, and I am someone who genuinely cares about people and my impact on them. These are not skills that show up on a spreadsheet, but they have consistently helped me build trust, deliver results and lead teams effectively.

To be honest, I have never been the most typically “academic” person. I worked hard at school, but Maths was tough, and data analysis has never been my strong suit. Yet, I have worked in data-heavy environments. What I learned over time is that you do not need to be good at everything. What matters is knowing your strengths, admitting your gaps and surrounding yourself with people who complement you. On a project, I would brief the subject matter experts clearly,

treat them with respect, acknowledge their efforts and own the project outcomes. That is leadership too.

A great example of this is someone I have recently had the privilege of working with, Jamie Oliver. He is open about his dyslexia and the fact that he did not excel at school. But look at what he has built! He leaned into what he is naturally brilliant at and brought in the right people to support him in areas where he was not. That is exactly the point: you do not need to be great at everything to be successful. You just need to know your magic and lead from there.

Every job, whether you are employed, running your own business, or managing a household, is multi-dimensional. No one excels at every part. What matters is showing up, working hard, even in the areas where you struggle, while also learning to own and use your strengths. Yes, being a parent and running a household is a massive job too and everything I have said applies just as much there. You will not be good at every part of it and that is okay. Show up. Be kind to yourself. Lean into your strengths. In a world where you can be anything – be kind. Your unique magic might not be what you expected, but it is there. That leads me to my third and final theme: **Expect the Unexpected**

*Let life surprise you in ways you never saw coming. That does not mean you do not aim high. Work hard and chase your goals with everything you have. There are things we can and should plan for.*

Hard work matters. Staying true to your values matters. But what I have come to realise is that some of the most beautiful moments – big and small – are not planned at all. They just happen. They are unexpected and often happen exactly when you need them.

After University, I thought I would head straight to the UK to teach fitness classes at a gym, that was the plan. But life had other ideas. Somehow, I ended up being one of just five students in South Africa selected for British American Tobacco's graduate programme. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity I could not pass up. So, I hit pause on the travel dream but I did not let it go. I used those years to gain incredible work experience and to save money. That way, when I finally did travel, I could do more than just crash on a floor in London and live off two-minute noodles. Instead, I walked the 750km Camino de Santiago across Spain. I sailed the coasts of Croatia and Greece. It was worth the wait and every step, every wave, was part of a much bigger journey. Never



in a million years did I imagine I would marry a farm boy from Darling! Or that I would end up running marathons.

I have had the incredible chance to work with chefs like Gordon Ramsay and Jamie

Oliver. Campaigns I helped create (like Checkers Little Shop and the very first Black

Friday) have reached millions of South Africans. Believe it or not, the name Takealot was my suggestion! I could never have predicted any of this would be part of my story.

These unexpected life experiences have not always been glamorous or positive.

I have had a close-knit group of friends since our Pre-Primary days in Cape Town. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that two of the five of us would have our journeys cut short by cancer, both in their early 40s. My very best friend passed away only six months ago. Caring for her during her final months and stepping in to support her boys after she passed away was something I never saw coming. It was not part of any plan but it became one of the most profound chapters of

my life. The rough patches and the heartaches, they are part of the journey too and the very reason we should embrace it. Try to find joy in the mundane. This special friend of mine, when sick, always said how she longed for a normal day. An ordinary day is also simply a beautiful day. I am so excited for each of you to discover the beauty of your own lives and to unwrap each chapter in your box of chocolates. Life is a sweet mystery, one bite at a time.

There is something I would like to share with all the parents here tonight. As a mom myself, I truly understand the pride and the flood of emotions you feel watching your incredible daughters grow, becoming more independent each day. It is bittersweet, seeing them need you a little less. But take heart: in my own experience, my relationship with my parents has only grown stronger over time. Today, we are closer than ever. My mom is truly one of my best friends. Our children do come back and the bond deepens in such a beautiful and meaningful way.

Thank you.

**Donna Preston (née Stephens)**





## ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025

GRADE EIGHT 2025	
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa Second Additional Language	Ngcwalisa Mhlontlo
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Ziyabukwa Foto
Grade Eight Academic Award	Mary-Jade Scowby
Grade Eight Academic Award	Leah Terblanche
Grade Eight Academic Award	Kaitlyn Richter
Grade Eight Academic Award	Awonke Magagamela
Grade Eight Academic Award	Abigail Horowitz
Grade Eight Academic Award	Erin Horak
The Subject Prize for Technology	Abbygail de Lange
Grade Eight Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	
The Subject Award for Creative Arts	Hayley van der Riet
Grade Eight Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Kiarra Mugwagwa
Grade Eight Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Ava Larter
Grade Eight Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Isha Kamba
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Jenna Eaton
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	Amy Fismer
Grade Eight Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
The Subject Prize and Josephine Lorie Certificate for English	Nabiha Soomar
Grade Eight Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Economic Management Sciences	Megan Woolward
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	
Grade Eight Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Natural Sciences	Sophia Jansen
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	
The Subject Prize for Social Sciences	
The Marlene Marx Trophy and the Subject Prize for Afrikaans	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Award for the Best Work in Grade Eight	
Grade Eight Academic Award and First in Grade	
GRADE NINE 2025	
The School Prize for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Iviwe Dlula and Moipone Mapena
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa Second Additional Language	Mbalentle Dyantyi
The Phutumani Mondi Trophy and the Subject Prize for the Best Work in isiXhosa First Additional Language	Sanelisiwe Mbabana
Grade Nine Academic Award	Wanda Nogqala
Grade Nine Academic Award	Amaana Desai
Grade Nine Academic Award	Lucy Hutchinson
Grade Nine Academic Award	Afikile Tyiso

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Grade Nine Academic Award	Chimzy Umeadim
Grade Nine Academic Award	Lisa Langenhoven
Grade Nine Academic Award	Sabella Serdyn
The Cup for the Best Work in Afrikaans	Zara Campbell
Grade Nine Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Saarrah Ahmed
Grade Nine Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Layan Adams
The Subject Prize for Technology	Lara Foster
Grade Nine Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	
Grade Nine Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Caitlin de Souza
Grade Nine Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Iminathi Nonganga
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	Emily Ferreira
Grade Nine Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Raphaela Miller
Grade Nine Academic Award and Third in Grade	Ava Filmer
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	Josephine Brown
Grade Nine Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	Holly Tudhope
The Subject Prize for Creative Arts	
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	
The Subject Prize for Economic Management Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Natural Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Social Sciences	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Loewenstein Trophy for English	
The Award for Best Work in Grade Nine	
Grade Nine Academic Award and First in Grade	
GRADE TEN 2025	
The School Prize for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Emma Zimmerman
The Shared Certificate for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	Shiloh Searle
	Skyler Senekal
The Subject Award for Mathematical Literacy	Rachael Harmse
The Shared Subject Award for Dramatic Arts	Michaela Mc Kerr
The Subject Prize for Visual Arts	Emily Handley
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	Elizabeth de Kock
The Subject Prize for Information Technology	
The Subject Prize for Practical Work in Music	Asemahle Nomnganga
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Clothing	Jessica Staples
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Amy Wilmot
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology	Talia Castelyn
The Subject Award for Dance Studies	Ella Adshade
Grade Ten Academic Award	Boledi Chuene





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Grade Ten Academic Award	Christina Yiannaros
Grade Ten Academic Award	Juliet Naudé
The Shared Subject Prize for Dramatic Arts	
Grade Ten Academic Award	Zandri Knoetze
Grade Ten Academic Award	Achumile Gqeke
Grade Ten Academic Award	Joslyn Paterson
The Subject Prize for Geography	Lulwando Mbekeni
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	
Grade Ten Academic Award	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Jessica Eaton
Grade Ten Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	Mihlali Chikowero
Grade Ten Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Mackenzi Smit
Grade Ten Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Jemma van der Mescht
Grade Ten Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	Dion Duri
The Subject Prize for Computer Applications Technology	Rania Yon
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	
The Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Anika Ferreira
Grade Ten Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	
The Subject Prize for French Second Additional Language	Katherine Wilson
The Subject Prize for History	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Subject Prize for English	Sarah Kruger
The Subject Prize for Accounting	
The Subject Prize for Consumer Studies	
Grade Ten Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	Olivia Freercks
The Subject Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
The Subject Prize for Life Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Music	
The Subject Prize for Physical Sciences	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Subject Prize for Mathematics	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Parkes Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Prize for Best Work in Grade Ten	
Grade Ten Academic Award and First in Grade	
GRADE ELEVEN 2025	
The Donald Award for Conscientious Endeavour and Progress	Tannah van Wyk
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Clothing	Lilian Krige
The Shared Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Kristen Botha
The Certificate for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Madison Everts



The Subject Prize for Dramatic Arts	<b>Sophia Wood</b>
The Certificate for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	<b>Chloë Strydom</b>
The Subject Prize for Geography	<b>Kayla Halforty</b>
The Subject Prize for Mathematical Literacy	<b>Lea Vermaak</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award	<b>Taryn Peltenburg</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award	<b>Eden Oliver</b>
The Shared Certificate for Practical Work in Visual Arts	<b>Emma Jack</b>
The Joy Pike Trophy for Visual Arts	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	<b>Mishkah Burger</b>
The Certificate for Practical Work in Information Technology	<b>Kerrin Gillies</b>
The Subject Prize for Information Technology	
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies English	<b>Jade van Tonder</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Shared Whiley Cup for French	<b>Mikaela Caliste</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The Subject Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	<b>Lilitha Papu</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award	
The McWilliams Cup for Consumer Studies	<b>Kelly Legg</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	<b>Vedhya Jeena</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	<b>Kiara Nicholls</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	<b>Giana Pretorius</b>
The Shared Whiley Cup for French	<b>Philippa Stevens</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	<b>Mieke Wessels</b>
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	<b>Cailin Louw</b>
The Cup for Life Sciences	<b>Bronwyn Shone</b>
The Certificate for Practical Work in Music	
The Cimbelman Cup for Music	
The Churchill Trophy for History	
The Boyd Trophy for English	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Third in Grade	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and Second in Grade	<b>Jenna Coetzee</b>





## ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025

The Subject Prize for Life Orientation	Clarice Pieterse
The Subject Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	
The Certificate for Practical Work in Computer Applications Technology	
The Subject Prize for Computer Applications Technology	
The Subject Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Subject Prize for Accounting	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	
The Cameron-Ellis Cup for Achievement in Mathematics	
The Leith Award for Endeavour and Achievement in Physical Sciences	
The Brock Trophy for Endeavour and Achievement	
The Linton Prize for the Best Work in Grade Eleven	
Grade Eleven Academic Award and First in Grade	
GRADE TWELVE 2025	
The Brunhuber Trophy for Consistent and Conscientious Endeavour	Ahlume Nqwaba
The Prize for Dance Studies	Gabriella Snygans
The Prize for Mathematical Literacy	Chloë Maartens
The Prize for Dramatic Arts	Isabella Hendricks
The Award for Practical Work in Visual Arts	Hannah Campbell
The Prize for Visual Arts	
The Award for Practical Work in Consumer Studies Food	Thina Matyholweni
The Prize for French Second Additional Language	Jennifer de Kock
The Award for Practical Work in Dramatic Arts	Soyama Phillip
The Langkilde Award for Outstanding Practical Needlework	Kyra Butler
The Prize for Geography	Nia Farrell
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Angelica Loyson
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Cara-Lee Jansen van Rensburg
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Faatima Adam
The Downing Prize for History	Rebecca Coombes
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
The Prize for isiXhosa First Additional Language	Yimitha Mbekeni
The Prize for Further Studies English	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Elizabeth Horn
Grade Twelve Academic Award	Isabella Newman
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Tenth in Grade	Kaylee Barton
The Prize for Consumer Studies	Elizma Ferreira
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Ninth in Grade	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Eighth in Grade	Nazmira Soomar
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Seventh in Grade	Tanith Brito
The Prize for Computer Applications Technology	Taylor Wilson
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Sixth in Grade	

## ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025



The Marie Pienaar Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language	Shanna du Plessis
The NMU Prize for the Best Practical CAT Task	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fifth in Grade	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Fourth in Grade	Amy Botha
The Prize for Accounting	Mikayla Edwards
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Third in Grade	
The Prize for Life Sciences	Jennifer Friskin
The Prize for Further Studies Mathematics	
The Prize for Practical Work in Information Technology	
The Prize for Information Technology	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and Second in Grade	
The Anderson Memorial Prize for Bilingualism	Maria Freercks
The Prize for English	
The Prize for Music	
The Award for Practical Work in Music	
The Prize for Life Orientation	
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Physical Sciences	
The J M Simpson Memorial Prize for Mathematics	
The Committee Prize for the Best Work in Grade Twelve	
Grade Twelve Academic Award and First in Grade	
HOUSE AWARDS 2025	
The Cebe Cup for Inter-House Debating	Queen Victoria
The Ella Cup for Tennis	Queen Alexandra
The Inter-House Quiz Cup	Queen Alexandra
The Hockey Bowl	Queen Victoria
The Netball Trophy	Queen Alexandra
The M S M Founders Cup for Squash	St Michael and St George
The Blaine Cup for Work	Queen Alexandra
The Athletics Cup	Queen Victoria
The E A P Andrews Cup for Drama	Queen Elizabeth
The Hay Cup for Swimming	Queen Mary
The Marks Cup for Music	Queen Mary
The Steph Jones Cup for Water Polo	Queen Mary
The Inter-House Cross Country Trophy	Queen Alexandra
The Cricket Trophy	Queen Victoria
The Chess Trophy	Queen Victoria
The Nowell Spirit Trophy	St Michael and St George
House of the Year	Queen Victoria
SPECIAL AWARDS 2025	
The Linda-Louise Swain Trophy for Achievement in Dramatic Arts	Ava Beary
The Hayward Cup for Achievement in Music	Maria Freercks
The Trophy for Achievement in Visual Arts	Kristen Botha





## ACADEMIC AWARDS 2025

The Sharwood Bursary Award	Sophia Jansen
The Collegiate Old Girls' Guild Bursary	Amy Botha
The Brock Bursary	Isabelle Newman
The Gray Cup for School Spirit	Maria Freercks
The Victrix Ludorum for the Best All-Round Achievement in Sport	Amy Botha
The Hargood Trophy for Sportsmanship	Amy Botha
The Odendaal Trophy for Sport and Academic Achievement	Amy Botha
The Cup for the Highest Level of Sporting Achievement	Yanelisa Nomoyi
The Glover Trophy for the Dux of the School	Maria Freercks
The Sheila Hellman Prize for Courtesy	Hannah Campbell
The Lamp of Service Trophy	Clarice Pieterse
The Facta Non Verba Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Elizabeth de Kock
The Deputy Head Girl Leadership Award	Yimitha Mbekeni
The Head Girl Leadership Award	Maria Freercks
The Whitehead Trophy for Loyalty and Quiet Service to the School	Milisa Tukulu
Stephen Honour Prize	Maria Freercks



## 2024 SENIOR CERTIFICATE RESULTS

Level	Mark Range	English HL	Afrikaans FAL	isiXhosa FAL	Mathematics	Mathematical Literacy	Life Orientation	Accounting	Computer Applications Technology	Consumer Studies	Dance	Dramatic Arts	French SAL	Geography	History	Information Technology	Life Sciences	Music	Physical Sciences	Visual Arts
7	80+	18	35	4	13	20	59	11	17	18	2	8	3	6	1	4	15	3	6	11
6	70 - 79	52	28	8	12	24	48	1	17	20	0	11	7	4	11	0	16	5	6	4
5	60 - 69	44	20	10	16	8	15	8	14	16	0	6	3	5	17	1	16	3	9	1
4	50 - 59	14	10	4	14	7	5	4	5	8	0	0	0	1	13	0	19	0	3	1
3	40 - 49	2	8	1	10	2	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	7	0
2	30 - 39	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	2	0
1	0 - 29	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>17</b>

OVERALL STATISTICS	TOTAL	%
Total candidates	130	
Overall "D" passes	1	1%
Overall "B" passes	129	99%
Subject distinctions	254	



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## CULTURAL AWARDS

On 1 October we celebrated the cultural achievements of our learners at the annual Cultural Awards Ceremony.

This year it was special to have Mr Batista and Mrs Mey as our guest speakers as they have both made such significant contributions in Drama and Music at Collegiate over many years. Their addresses on the importance of The Arts were inspiring and motivating. They will be missed and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and thank you to

Ava Beary for her contribution this year as prefect in charge of societies and service areas. We are grateful to all the society and service heads and teachers for their hard work as well as to Mrs Nel, the Head of Co-Curricular activities, for her support.

We encourage all our learners to find their niche by being involved in some of the many areas at Collegiate, whether it be sport, a society or a service area.

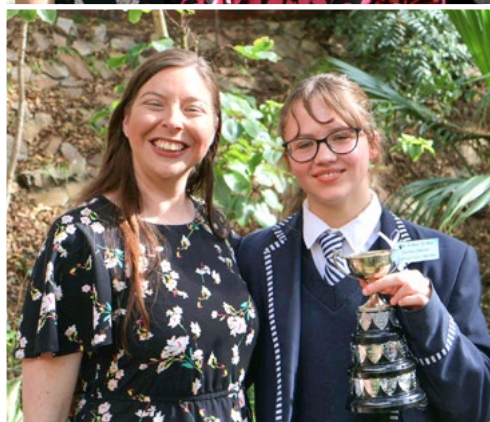
**Mrs H Carter**



CULTURAL AWARDS 2025	
The Webb Trophy	Hannah Campbell
The Rugheimer Cup	Alexa Kieck, Megan Kockott
The Brenda Sanderson-Smith Memorial Trophy	Sasha-Belle Bonner
The Ballroom Dancer of the Year	Jordan Pierpoint
The MG Platt Memorial Prize for Service to the Library	Mamello Ramokoena
The Muriel Trudgett Award for Service to the Library	Hannah Campbell
The Nina Holderness Trophy for Service to the Performing Arts	Jordyn-Leigh Roman
The Cassie Vernon Trophy for Dedication and Enthusiasm in a Dramatic Performance	Sophie Brannigan
The AFDA Shield for Theatre Creativity	Sophia Wood
The Jacqui Reed Cup	Eden Oliver
The Music Department Trophy for Clarinet/Saxophone	Asemahle Nomnganga
The Mey/Du Preez Cup for Best String Instrumentalist	Cailin Louw
The Goldberg Cup for the Best Improvement in Violin	Unako Nondlazi
The Fyvie Trophy for Outstanding Improvement in Music through Perseverance	Maria Freercks
The Jean Momberg Cup for the Best Pianist	Maria Freercks
The Shawn Lyon Cup for the Brass Instrumentalist of the Year	Hannah Campbell
The Megan Judd Floating Trophy for Excellence in Two Instruments	Clarice Pieterse
The Taylor Trophy for Exceptional Service to the Band	Maria Freercks
The Hemingway Trophy for Excellence in Singing	Camryn Robinson



The Couldridge Cup for Creative Writing in Grade Nine Afrikaans	<b>Zara Campbell, Sabella Serdyn</b>
The Townsend Essay Prize (Junior)	<b>Amaana Desai</b>
The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing (Senior)	<b>Rania Yon</b>
The Carruthers Trophy for Involvement in Cultural Activities in Grade Eight or Nine	<b>Holly Tudhope</b>
The Natalie Stear Junior Elocution Certificate	<b>Isabella Casali</b>
The Charles Keyser Prize for Elocution	<b>Dion Duri</b>
The Linder Shield for Junior Public Speaking	<b>Holly Tudhope</b>
The Award for Junior Afrikaans Public Speaking	<b>Mia De Bruijn</b>
The Award for Junior isiXhosa Public Speaking	<b>Sanelisiwe Mbabana</b>
The Audrey Sprenger Prize for Public Speaking	<b>Aisha Mxokozeli</b>
The Pistorious Trophy for Senior Afrikaans Public Speaking	<b>Lea Vermaak</b>
The Jambela Shield for Senior isiXhosa Public Speaking	<b>Aisha Mxokozeli</b>
The Leanne Cornish Cup for the Best Junior Debator	<b>Isabella Casali</b>
The Award for Best Senior Debator	<b>Caitlin van Heerden</b>
The Photography Bowl	<b>Lara Lötzt</b>







## SPORTS AWARDS

The 2025 Sports Awards Ceremony was held on 14 October in the Stevenson Hall, a fitting venue to celebrate the passion and dedication that define Collegiate's sporting legacy.

This year, we were honoured to welcome Mrs Kelli Reen as our guest speaker. Mrs Reen recently represented South Africa at the World Transplant Games, an inspiring milestone that followed her remarkable journey of donating a kidney to her friend. She shared her powerful story – one of courage, friendship and resilience – and the incredible people she met along the way.

The past year has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with moments that truly captured the essence of Collegiate sport – excellence, teamwork and perseverance. The

laughter, tears, triumphs and challenges all formed part of the invaluable life lessons learned together.

While Sports Awards celebrated individual achievements, it also highlighted the growth, camaraderie and spirit that unite our athletes. Every participant has contributed to Collegiate's proud sporting story, reminding us that success is measured not only in medals, but in the determination, discipline, sportsmanship and heart shown along the way.

We salute every Collegiate athlete (those who stood on the podium and those who played their part behind the scenes) for their unwavering commitment and the pride they continue to bring to our school.

**Mrs C Posthumus**

SPORTS AWARDS 2025	
ATHLETICS	SIMONÉ DE LANGE
U16 – 100m Champion	Jana Prinsloo
U18 – 100m Champion	Bronwyn Shone
Inter-House Relay Race	Queen Alexandra House
High Jump Champion	Bukho Bukani
Penelope Raats Senior Discus Trophy	Hannah Andrews
Shot Put Champion	Jani Muller
Javelin Champion	Milla Delpot
Loubser Cup for Service to Athletics	Simoné de Lange
Middle Distance Junior Champion	Kaitlyn Richter
Junior Victrix Ludorum	Sophia Jansen
Long Jump Champion	Olivia Freercks
New Record U16 1500m	
Middle Distance Senior Champion	
Senior Victrix Ludorum	
CHESS	JESSICA MURRAY
Most Promising Chess Player	Luné Kritzinger
Dedication and Service to Chess	Jessica Murray
63 Caps for First Team Chess	
Chess Player of the Year and SA Selection	Aishwarya Ranjith
CRICKET	MIHLALI KOLOSA
Most Promising Cricketer and SA Indoor Cricket Selection	Morgan de Souza
Best All Rounder and SA Indoor Cricket Selection	Mackenzie Thomas
Best Batsman	Lusanele Tsepe
Cricketer of the Year	Leigh Sugden
Best Bowler	
First Team Caps	Mihlali Kolosa (2 seasons)
First Team Caps	Nerissa Primo (4 seasons)



CROSS COUNTRY	MARIA FREERCKS
Most Promising Runner	Megan Woolward
Best U14 Runner	Likho-Ithemba Ndawo
Best U15 Runner	Jeandré Lodewyks
Best U16 Runner	Olivia Freercks
Best U19 Runner	Yanelisa Nomoyi
E-SPORTS	ISABELLE NEWMAN
Player of the Year	Kayla Lotz
Service to E-Sports	Isabelle Newman
Most Dedicated Player	Raphaela Miller
HOCKEY	GEMMA BOWER
Most Improved U14 Hockey Player	Grace Thomas
Best U14 Hockey Player	Sophia Jansen
Most Promising U14 Hockey Player	Josie van Heerden
NJ Bester Trophy - Most Improved U16 Player	Lusanele Ntsepe
Smart Trophy - Best U16 Player	Salome-Rose Oosthuizen
SA Rep SA U16A Team	Jade Grobler
U16 Dedication and Enthusiasm to Hockey	Emihle Mazomba
Most Valuable U16 Player	Kerrin Gillies
SA Rep SA U16A Team	Darcey Brown
Most Valuable Senior Player	Aimee Pienaar
87 Caps for First Team Hockey	Anna Porter
143 Caps for First Team Hockey	Tayla Paxton
Most Improved Senior Player	
102 Caps for First Team Hockey	
U18 Dedication to and Enthusiasm for Hockey	
68 Caps for First Team Hockey	







## SPORTS AWARDS



Middlebrook Trophy for Service to Hockey	Gemma Bower
145 Caps for First Team Hockey	
Lumsden Trophy - Player of the Season	Cassidy Williams
138 Caps for First Team Hockey	
Selected to SA U18B Hockey Team	
<b>NETBALL</b>	<b>AMY BOTHA</b>
Most Improved U14 Player	Amy Fisser
U14 Player of the Year	Nikki Tetelwa
Most Improved U16 Player	Sarah Kruger
Browne Trophy - Junior Player of the Year	Aluta Mncwabe
Maree Trophy - Most Improved Senior Player	Jani Muller
Hailie-Jade Coboza Cup for Dedication to and Enthusiasm for Netball. This award is in honour of Hailie-Jade Coboza, a First Team Netball player who passed away tragically in her Matric year	Makenzie Bosman
49 Caps for First Team Netball	Rebecca Coombes
Service to Netball	Amy Botha
102 Caps for First Team Netball	
Gay Anderson Trophy - Senior Player of the Year	Amy-Jade Saayman
102 Caps for First Team Netball	



<b>SQUASH</b>	<b>LEAH KILIAN</b>
Shana Liebenberg Trophy - Junior Champion	<b>Nuha Packery</b>
Vivienne Robinson Trophy - Commitment and Determination	<b>Isabelle Newman</b>
Lynne Neubert Trophy - Most Improved Player	
47 Caps for First Team Squash	
Service to Squash	<b>Leah Killian</b>
61 Caps for First Team Squash	
31 Caps for First Team Squash	<b>Jessica Murray</b>
20 Caps for First Team Squash	<b>Nerissa Primo</b>
6 Caps for First Team Squash	<b>Darcey Brown</b>
Angela Difford Trophy – Senior Champion	<b>Nina Mitchell</b>
<b>SWIMMING</b>	<b>YANELISA NOMOYI</b>
Inter-House Open Relay	<b>Queen Victoria House</b>
Ingrid Kohler Shield - Most Promising Junior U14 Swimmer	<b>Jemmah Roman</b>
New record for U14 50m Butterfly	
SA Representation	
Kent Trophy - U16 100m Freestyle	<b>Sienna Gous</b>
New Record U16 100m Freestyle	
De Villiers Trophy - U16 100m Backstroke	
200m Open Individual Medley	
Lorrie Smith Trophy - Best U16 Swimmer	
U16 100m Breaststroke Trophy	
Peggy Hodge Trophy - U16 50m Butterfly	
Sherman Trophy - Victrix Ludorum at Inter-House Gala with 78 points	
SA Representative Open Water Swimming and SA Life-Saving Selection	
SA Represensative Open Water Swimming	
Nan Gray Trophy - U19 100m Breaststroke	<b>Madison Fourie</b>
Joan Horn Trophy - U19 100m Freestyle	
SA Life-Saving Selection	
Commitment and Dedication to Swimming	
De Villiers Trophy - U19 100m Backstroke	<b>Jenna Coetzee</b>
Mackay Trophy - U19 50m Butterfly	
Harrow Trophy - Service to Swimming	<b>Yanelisa Nomoyi</b>
SA Representative in Triathlon	
<b>SYNCHRONIZED/ARTISTIC SWIMMING</b>	<b>JORDYN-LEIGH ROMAN</b>
Novice Champion Trophy	<b>Abigail Horowitz</b>
Intermediate Phase Champion	<b>Shanna du Plessis</b>
Junior Champion Trophy	<b>Kim Dell-Robertson</b>
Moirs Hibbert Bowl – Senior Champion	<b>Aneesah Lindoor</b>
SA Representative Artistic Swimming	
Centenary Cup – Service to Synchro	<b>Jordyn-Leigh Roman</b>





## SPORTS AWARDS

<b>TENNIS</b>	<b>TAYLA PAXTON</b>
Most Promising Junior Player	Jessica Driscoll
U14 Singles Champion	Ava Swarbrick
U14 Doubles Champion with Zoë Coley	
U14 Doubles Champion with Ava Swarbrick	Zoë Coley
Jubilee Trophy - Most Promising U16 Player	Tiffany Frans
Roberts Trophy - U16 Doubles Champion with Lauren Duckworth	Ava Filmer
Roberts Trophy - U16 Doubles Champion with Ava Filmer	Lauren Duckworth
U16 Singles Champion	
Peggy English Trophy - Best Team in Lower Leagues	Second Team Lauren Duckworth
Kingwill Trophy for Dedication and Commitment	Bronwyn Shone
Most Improved Senior Player	Taryn Peltenburg
Richardson and Kirkland Trophy Open Doubles Champion with Tayla Paxton	
Richardson and Kirkland Trophy Open Doubles Champion with Taryn Peltenberg	Tayla Paxton
Service to Tennis	
Best Senior Doubles Player	
First Team representative - four years	
Ada Smidt Wimbledon Trophy for Team Player of the Year	
Marchant Davies Trophy - the Best Senior Team	First Team Tayla Paxton
Open Singles Champion Trophy	Alissa Libbrecht
First Team representative - one year	
<b>WATER POLO</b>	<b>ELIZABETH HORN</b>
U14 Julia Wentworth Trophy for Most Improved Player	Megan Woolward
The Maartens Trophy - Best U14 Player	Morgan Gous and Ava Larter
Von Wildemann Trophy - Best U15 Player	Chlöe Mae-Cheia
Patten Cup - Most Improved Senior Player (shared)	Yanelisa Nomoyi
84 First Team Caps for Water Polo	
Patten Cup - Most Improved Senior Player (shared)	Angelica Loyson
81 First Team Caps for Water Polo	
42 First Team Caps for Water Polo	Morgan Konold
Service to Water Polo	Aimee Pienaar
134 First Team Caps for Water Polo	
Von Wildemann Trophy - Best Senior Player	Amy Botha
129 First Team Caps for Water Polo	
Mather Player of the Year	Elizabeth Horn
134 First Team Caps for Water Polo	



## EP REPRESENTATIVES FOR SCHOOL SPORT

**Back Row:** E Horn (Water Polo), G Thomas (Hockey), E de Wit (Water Polo), A Libbrecht (Tennis), C van Bochove (Water Polo), K Gillies (Hockey), L Heny (Water Polo), B Guest (Water Polo), S Gous (Water Polo/Swimming), J Coetzee (Swimming/Hockey), E Oliver (Hockey)

**Third Row:** M Scowby (Hockey), I Newman (Squash), A Klaas (Hockey), G de Doncker (Hockey), A Fourie (Water Polo), M Gous (Swimming), J van Heerden (Hockey), G Bower (Hockey), M Everts (Squash), S Jansen (Hockey), M Jordaan (Hockey)

**Second Row:** Z Pantshwa (Water Polo), A Ranjith (Chess), C Williams (Hockey), L Ntsepe (Hockey), J Grobler (Hockey), T Peltenburg (Hockey), C Grobler (Hockey), K Brennan (Hockey), A Porter (Squash), S Ntlabezo (Squash), N Mitchell (Squash)

**First Row:** N Primo (Tennis), J Jamieson (Hockey), N Makasana (Hockey), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), J Prinsloo (Hockey), K Nogalawe (Hockey), J Brown (Water Polo), L Duckworth (Hockey), N Packery (Squash), D Brown (Squash), Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport)

**Absent:** E Mazomba (Hockey), S Oosthuizen (Hockey)



## SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES

**Top Row:** S Oosthuizen (Hockey), E Mazomba (Hockey), A Lindoor (Artistic Swimming), Y Nomoyi (Triathlon)

**Bottom Row:** S Gous (Open Water Swimming), J Roman (Swimming), M Gous (Open Water Swimming)





## CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES AND SPORTS CAPTAINS



### EASTERN PROVINCE CULTURAL REPRESENTATIVES

*Back Row:* C Pieterse (Orchestra), M Burger (Choir), A Mxokozeli (Choir), M Wessels (Dance), M Freercks (Orchestra), H Campbell (Orchestra), O Manona (Orchestra), C Williams (Orchestra), I Tiso (Choir), L Mama (Choir)

*Middle Row:* Mrs H Carter, E Oliver (Orchestra), D Duri (String Orchestra), C de Souza (String Orchestra), U Nondlazi (String Orchestra), Mrs G Agenbag, T Marais (Choir), C Louw (String Orchestra), K Kondlo (Choir), A Goboza (Choir), Mrs A Nel

*Front Row:* M Chengwe (Choir), A Fani (Choir), E Bono (Choir), A Magwevana (Choir), T Harts (Orchestra), S Mfecane (Choir)

*Absent:* Q Timba (Choir), M Wesley (String Orchestra)



### SPORTS CAPTAINS

*Back Row:* S de Lange (Athletics), L Kilian (Squash), M Freercks (Cross Country), A Botha (Netball and Sports Prefect), E Horn (Water Polo), G Bower (Hockey)

*First Row:* M Kolosa (Cricket), T Paxton (Tennis), I Newman (E-Sports), Y Nomoyi (Swimming), J Murray (Chess), Mrs C Posthumus (Head of Sport)

*Absent:* J Roman (Artistic Swimming)



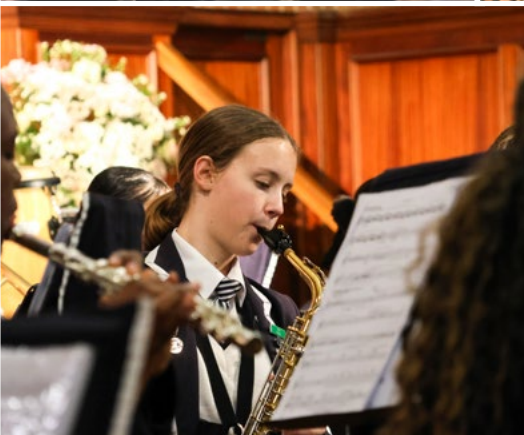


In the Music Department we feel it is important that every Music learner is valued and motivated to explore her musical potential. We encourage them to make the most of the subject through the opportunities offered to them.

It is always rewarding to witness the dedication and talent of our Music learners come to life on stage. Our learners have participated in many local and regional music events and the results have been nothing short of extraordinary. These events include the annual South African Society of Music Teachers Music competition, the Into-the-Mix Music competition, the Pearson Praeludium and the Grade Twelve PAT 1 Concert among others. Beyond the trophies and certificates, what truly makes us proud is the growth, confidence and love for music that each learner has demonstrated. We not only take pride in our achievements, but we also reach out to the community. A small group of music learners entertained the residents of Laubscher Park West Retirement Village.

As our learners continue to grow, perform and explore new musical horizons, we are confident they will carry the same passion and excellence into their future endeavours.

**Mrs G Agenbag**







## CHOIR

The Choir started the year with a workshop. This was a chance for the girls to get to know one another better as new faces joined the Choir family. New songs were introduced and the singing began. We also played games and had friendly competitions that allowed the members to bond, form connections and friendships but, most of all, to have fun together.

Throughout the year, the Choir participated in a number of concerts, performances and competitions. We were invited to concerts held by other high schools, including Lawson Brown High School's "A Choral Celebration" and the "Alex Choir Festival". The Choir was also invited to sing at the annual Choral Celebration National Festival series (CCNF). At the Pearson Praeludium, the adjudicator gave our Choir very positive feedback with comments such as, "The enjoyment is evident" and "A goosebumps performance". This resulted in us receiving a Diploma (A++) award.

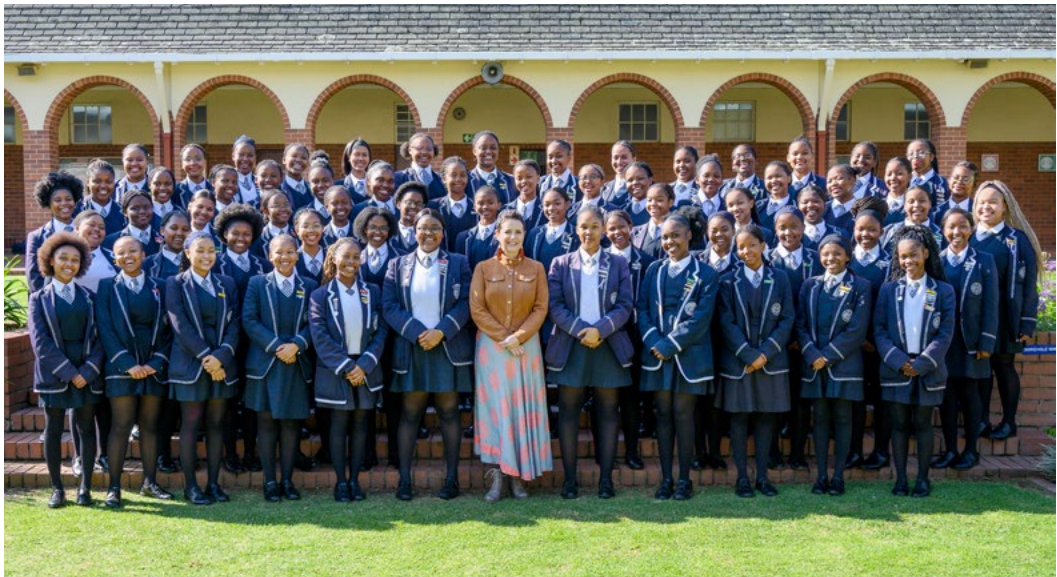
The Choir participated at Collegiate's two annual music concerts, the Prestige Concert held in May and the Musical Moments concert in August, which is a concert dedicated to all the Grade Twelve learners who are part of ensembles. It was an emotional goodbye to the seniors of the school. For many of us, the Music Department has been a home for the past five years. 2025 has been filled with laughter, happiness and memories that I will remember for a lifetime. Without Choir, my high school journey would have been incomplete.



I have built lasting friendships with so many of the girls.

Thank you to Mrs Range whose efforts do not go unnoticed. She is the backbone of the Choir, and without her, we would simply be an a cappella group. Thank you to Mrs Agenbag. She has built an incredible legacy and made Choir one of the highlights of my high school career. Her words of advice, dedication and effort are things that have carried the Choir for so many years. It has been an honour to be the Choir Leader this year. The Choir has been a safe place and for many of us, our favourite place to be after school, where we do what we love most – sing.

**Milisa Tukulu**



### CHOIR

**Back Row:** C Williams, A Mahlalutye, Y Mbekeni, L Qwane, T Saayman, I Nonganga, N Mehlo, L Mama, M Burger, C Kucherera, K Phiri, O Manona, I Tiso, A Ngoma

**Fourth Row:** L Duntsula, A May, J Mtatse, L Mrawusi, K Mugwagwa, Z Mhlakaza, M Mlambo, M Jojo, K Grootboom, U Nondlazi, N Tukwayo, E Mazantsana, K Zulu, L Khuse, I Mngatu

**Third Row:** Q Timba, Z Gomomo, N van Heerden, L Mbekeni, M Nikelo, L Stofile, L Rala, M Chikowero, A Goboza, A Fani, G Dyasi, L Dumane

**Second Row:** M Chengwe, L Gqunta, A Makedama, C Louw, K Kondlo, A Gqeke, E Bono, Z Bisiwe, A Dyasi, O Mkhize

**Front Row:** K Tobias, Y Sizila, A Kondlo, B Chuene, A Magwevana, M Tukulu, Mrs G Agenbag, O Qaba, A Mxokozeli, B Selani, A Mpofu, S Mfecane

**Absent:** N Nomovuka, L Getze, T Marais, M de Bruijn, H Sifo









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“It is the harmony of the diverse parts, their symmetry, their happy balance; in a word it is all that introduces order, all that gives unity...”. This quote by Henri Poincare epitomizes the Claribelles Ensemble.

2025 was a year of new beginnings for the Claribelles. After bidding farewell to two Matric members at the end of 2024, we welcomed a Grade Eight player. She effortlessly adjusted to our style of playing and blended with our sound in no time.

Our first performance of the year was at the annual Open Day where we entertained the audience with a lively ragtime piece. Our ability to adapt to challenges was put to the test when we unexpectedly had to perform one member short during an assembly in Term Three. Despite this obstacle, our energetic performance of España Cañi, brought some Spanish flair to an otherwise gloomy Monday morning.

The Pearson Praeludium was undoubtedly a highlight for us. We achieved a Diploma (Double Gold) award for our performance and received positive feedback from the adjudicator. She wrote that “this is how an ensemble should sound” and that we gave her “goosebumps”.

This was followed by a performance at the ‘Musical Moments’ Concert in the Stevenson Hall. We performed our longest, most challenging programme yet, including our debut of a Klezmer-style piece. Fortunately, there were no Matrics to say goodbye to, so the tears were delayed until next year.

At the SASMT competition at NMU, the judges complimented us on our lovely ensemble playing and said that they enjoyed our performance. A final concert at Laubscher Park West Retirement Village was a wonderful conclusion to our jam-packed year.

In addition to our hard work and commitment, the Claribelles possess considerable talent and we always try to put something special together for every performance. It is a huge privilege to be part of an ensemble of such incredible musicians.

My sincere gratitude goes to Miss van Vledder, who has expanded our musical knowledge and skills to a great extent. Her dedication to our ensemble is greatly appreciated and it is such an honour to receive her guidance and support.

As Henry Ford said, “Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.” After our phenomenal year, I can hardly wait to see what the Claribelles will achieve in 2026.

**Clarice Pieterse**



## CLARIBELLES

*Back Row: B Shone, O Freercks, C Pieterse*

*Front Row: A Nomnganga, H van der Riet, Miss S van Vledder*







## C OF SAXES

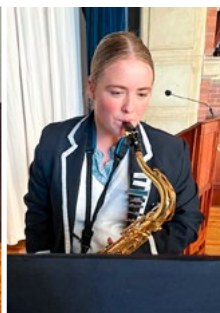
The 'C of Saxes' Ensemble has thrived in 2025 and we managed to achieve some amazing successes. Through many hours of rehearsals filled with laughs and memories, we

worked as a team to create some incredible performances. We were asked to play at the opening ceremony of the SASMT conference only one month after starting rehearsals for the year.

Placing in the finals of the 'Into the Mix' competition and winning a Double Gold at the Pearson Praeludium are two of our 'golden' moments of the year. We also played in assemblies, 2 concerts and other events. Who knew six girls and one teacher could achieve so much!

We could not have done it without Miss van Vledder's constant motivation and expertise, working with us behind the scenes. What better way to end off the year than performing in our annual 'Musical Moments' concert and taking home an amazing First Place Ensemble Award in the last SASMT competition for the 2025 'C of Saxes' family.

**Ava Beary**



### C OF SAXES

*Back Row: A Ranjith, A Beary, P Stevens, J Eaton*

*Front Row: A Nomnganga, A Goboba, C Robinson, Miss S van Vledder*



**"A**lone we can do so little; together we can do so much." This famous quote by Helen Keller sums up playing in the Collegiate Concert Band where the individual talents of our girls come together to create a strong and vibrant ensemble.

At the end of January, we welcomed an excited and enthusiastic group of new Grade Eights into the Concert Band. From our first rehearsal onwards, it was clear that we were ready to work hard to tackle the new repertoire and were ready for a year filled with dedication and memorable performances.

The First Term ended with the energy and excitement that only a band camp can bring. The day was comprised of rehearsals, activities and fun. It certainly helped us to find

our rhythm as a Concert Band (both musically and as a team). The day ended with a fun and relaxed informal concert for our families, which doubled as a successful fundraising event for our tour to George where we competed in the Symphonia National Orchestra and Bands Festival at the beginning of October where the Concert Band placed first.

The Concert Band played internally at the St Michael and St George and Queen Victoria House Days during the Second Term. We also had the privilege of showcasing the Music Department to prospective Collegiate parents and learners at the school's Open Day. We also honoured tradition by performing during the annual School Founders' Day Flag Raising Ceremony held in the quad. That same weekend, we



## CONCERT BAND

**Back Row:** S Konza, I Malusi, R Miller, A Hermans, V Ndyoka, O Freercks, M Djomgoue, S Kruger, J de Wet, M de Souza, Z Coley

**Fourth Row:** O Manona, A Beary, R Coombes, H Campbell, L Mali, O Jordaan, P Stevens, C Pieterse, C Williams, I Tiso

**Third Row:** A Ranjith, H Tudhope, D Duri, E Oliver, B Shone, L Mvinjelwa, M Ramnath, A Mehlo

**Second Row:** L Langenhoven, K Meniers, L Jam Jam, K Kondlo, V Sponneck, L van Heerden, W Nogqala, J Eaton, C Robinson, A Goboza, A Jacobs

**Front Row:** T Harts, A Magagamela, H van der Riet, B Chuene, A Nomnganga, Miss Z Mbengashe, M Freercks, S Magoqwana, S Jafta, J Eaton, A Sinyahla

**Absent:** S Black, A Jordaan





## CONCERT BAND

partnered with Collegiate Junior to perform in the Prestige Concert which served as a culmination of our hard work so far. In the Third Term, after countless dedicated hours every Tuesday and Thursday night, the Concert Band performed at the Pearson Praeludium, a biannual music Eisteddfod hosted by Pearson High School, where we were awarded a diploma (double gold) award.

Our final performance of the year, 'Musical Moments', was an emotional and memorable evening. This annual concert serves as an opportunity formally to bid farewell to the Matrics of each music ensemble. This concert is always a bittersweet performance for the Matrics as we say goodbye after five wonderful years of memories, friends and fun as part of Concert Band. We ended the year off on a high note (literally and figuratively) and were able to showcase all that

the Collegiate Music Department has to offer.

During the September break, our Concert Band embarked on its first tour to George for the Symphonia National Schools' Band Festival. After months of preparation, we enjoyed four exciting days of sightseeing and performing – including a public concert and the adjudication concert on 5 October. Our hard work paid off as we won first place overall and a cash prize, a fitting end to a fantastic year.

This would all not have been possible without our wonderful conductor and maestro, Miss Mbengashe. Her unwavering dedication, patience and passion for music and conducting shine through in her leading of the Concert Band. We are truly grateful to have a conductor like her. I am really excited to see what the Concert Band will achieve in the years to come.

**Maria Freercks**





2025 has been an amazing journey for the String Ensemble, filled with music, growth and unforgettable memories. Each member has brought her own unique talent and passion, creating a beautiful harmony both on and off the stage. We have shared countless hours of practice, laughter, and support which have strengthened our bond. Together, we have not only improved as musicians but also built lasting friendships that make performing even more meaningful. It has been a privilege to be part of such a dedicated and inspiring group.

Special mention goes to Cwenga Williams, Omhle Manona, Cailin Louw, Caitlin de Souza and Unako Nondlazi, who took part in the Eastern Cape String Orchestra (ECSO) Senior Course in December 2024, as well as to Mishall Wesley, who took part in the ECSO Course in March 2025.

The String Ensemble has had a very busy year with many unforgettable performances. We started the year by playing at our annual Open Days. We also performed at *Pizzicato Pizzazz*, hosted by Summerwood Primary School in April. The Ensemble was invited to join the Grey Strings Festival, where our Ensemble not only performed, but also participated in the incredible mass string orchestra. Later in the year, we delighted the audience at the Pearson Praeludium, where we were awarded Gold for our performance. Musical Moments, our favourite concert of the year, was held in August in the Stevenson Hall. It was an unforgettable evening filled with beautiful music, happiness and even a few tears as it marked

the last concert for most of the Matrics in the various ensembles – though luckily, not for us! Our final performance for the year was on Queen Alexandra House Day. It was a day filled with mixed emotions as it marked both the last performance for our two Matrics and Mrs Mey's final House Day assembly.

This year has been special and we are truly grateful to Mrs Mey for all the hard work, passion and dedication she has poured into us. Her incredible talent and skill as a conductor have inspired us and helped us grow as musicians. She always guides us with patience and prepares us with such care for every performance. She has made rehearsals both challenging and enjoyable. We wish Mrs Mey well in the next chapter of her journey and we will never forget the impact she has had on us.

It has been an honour to lead the String Ensemble of 2025.

**Chloë Maartens**



### STRING ENSEMBLE

*Back Row: C Williams, J de Wet, C de Souza, O Manona, M Wesley*

*Middle Row: C Louw, L Mvinjelwa, D Duri, H Niazi, U Nondlazi*

*First Row: M Williams, M Chengwe, Mrs L Mey, C Maartens, N Mabaso*





## STRING ENSEMBLE



## VOCAL ENSEMBLE

We began this year with a bang as our Vocal Ensemble proudly took part in the Harvest Harmony Music Festival, hosted by Harvest Christian School. It was our very first performance of the year and our girls shone brightly on stage.

Soon after this, a select group of seniors formed the team which represented Collegiate at the National All Girls' Festival in Cape Town. The team comprised Camryn Robinson, Cwenga Williams, Sophia Wood, Sophie Brannigan, Aisha Mxokozeli, Asemahle Nomnganga, Avethandwa Goboza, Katherine Wilson and Esona Bono. We were led with passion and expert guidance by our voice teacher and head of society, Mrs Hemingway, with Miss Potgieter as our accompanist.

We are especially proud to celebrate some outstanding achievements:

- Camryn Robinson's group won Best Video
- Sophia Wood's group won Best Choreography
- Asemahle Nomnganga's group won Best Overall Performance

Throughout the year, the Vocal Ensemble competed in various competitions, building confidence, resilience and artistry. The Vocal Ensemble also participated at the annual Musical Moments Concert. The biggest moment of the year undoubtedly was our annual musical theatre revue, 'Fairytale Follies', staged on Monday, 18 August. Under the





bright lights, our favourite fairytale characters came alive, and we poured our hearts into every note and movement. A very special acknowledgement must go to Grade Eleven learner, Sophia Wood, who took on the role of choreographer for the entire production, with wonderful support from fellow Grade Eleven learner, Esona Bono. Their creativity and dedication were the heartbeat of the show. The evening was also a bittersweet farewell to the Ensemble's three Matric

learners. They leave behind a legacy of passion, excellence and sisterhood.

Finally, none of this would have been possible without the tireless efforts of Mrs Hemingway and Miss Potgieter. Their countless hours of guidance, encouragement and dedication have shaped not only our music, but also the strength and spirit of the Vocal Ensemble.

**Camryn Robinson**



### VOCAL ENSEMBLE

*Back Row:* A Mdani, N Tukwayo, U Sokutu, I Kamba, G Mc Kerr, C Williams, M Mlambo, E Els

*Third Row:* A de Lange, Q Timba, A Mxokozeli, S Wood, M Mc Kerr, K Wilson, S Brannigan, G Naidoo, D Duri, M Maisela

*Second Row:* E Nicol, M Chengwe, Z Gomomo, C van Heerden, A Goboza, A Fani, K Zulu

*First Row:* E Bono, S Kwatsha, N Pillay, K Hitzeroth, Miss L Potgieter, C Robinson, Mrs L Hemingway, A Nomnganga, J Eaton, N Mabasa,





## CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

### ENGLISH ALIVE

We are proud of Amy Heukelman, Isabella Hendricks, Emily Ball and Raphaela Miller on being published in this year's celebratory 70th edition of 'English Alive', a high school anthology of creative writing. Many well-known figures in South Africa have had their work published in 'English Alive', so it is a huge accomplishment for our budding writers.

**Ms J Kromhout**



#### ENGLISH ALIVE

*I Hendricks, R Miller, E Ball, A Heukelman*

### SOUTH AFRICAN CHILD

**Emily Ball** *Grade 11 – Published in English Alive, 70th Edition*

My South African child  
Your wounds are gaping  
Too much for young blood  
Yet no one has tried to tend to them  
  
Your worry is too large  
For your youthful minds  
Your home is not safe  
But none has batted an eye  
  
Your tears ricochet  
Too much for teenage eyes  
None cry more than you  
So why does no one help?

### LAMP SHADE

**Isabella Hendricks** *Grade 12 – Published in English Alive, 70th Edition*

Twinkle twinkle, she sits in sunlight  
Bathing in rays come through the window  
Twice a day Wednesday there hums the washing machine  
And jostles the dust at its feet  
  
Stained wood, a red blue and yellow,  
That drips to the floor in the evenings  
She watches the sky drain of its warmth  
And sits dark with the tattered dish rags  
  
The quiet stench of misuse and abandon  
Seeps heavy into thick winter blankets  
And she, black and white, watches,  
as the moon tries too to reflect the sun  
  
Soon the window panes will warm  
The ants will come for the dead fly  
The sun will bake her into her shelf  
And someone will come for the washing



**Abigail Trow** *Grade 9*



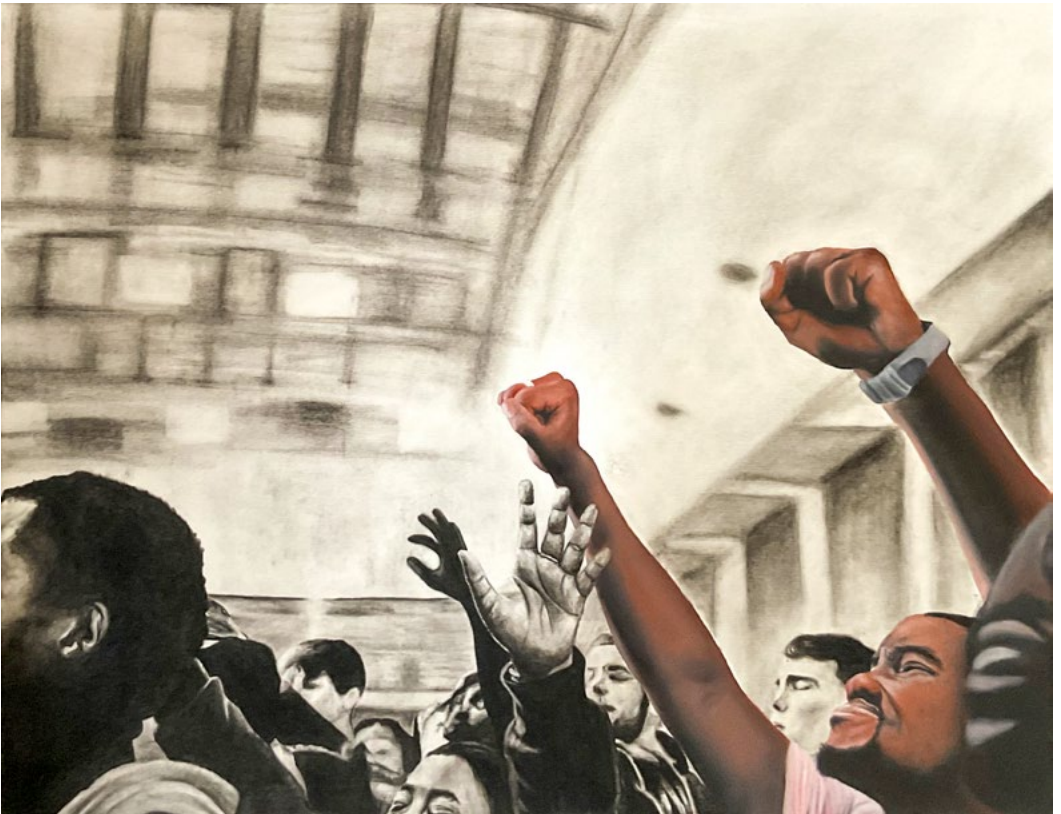
**Amy Fisser** *Grade 8*



*Agcobile Magwevana* Grade 12



*Gabrial Barnes* Grade 12



*Alexa Kieck* Grade 12





### MY CHARACTER CLOSET

**Amy Heukelman** *Grade 12 – Published in English Alive,  
70th Edition*

Hiding behind it  
I am safe  
I can conceal my heart  
from those who might hurt it  
who might tear it apart  
and leave to the vultures  
that stalk outside the circle  
I isolate my being  
to connect with those  
I would like to call my friends  
Who I wish  
would catch me when I fall  
So I carefully craft my mask  
In fear  
Hiding my personality  
While it peeks through  
two sided glass  
And everyday  
I select a shield  
From my character closet  
To hide her  
Not letting her get through  
If she had to escape  
My circle would shrink  
Maybe even become extinct  
And so I hide her  
And I hide me



**Eden Jonker** *Grade 11*

### A PLACE BEYOND THIS ONE

**Raphaella Blu Miller** *Grade 9 – Published in English Alive,  
70th Edition*

There is a place beyond this one  
When the world is cruel for no reason at all,  
if gentle things are taken before they can run,  
then let there be a place beyond this one  
where kindness mends what life has undone.  
May the dog left abandoned  
find arms that never let go, a love that never leaves.  
A shelter with a warm bed to call his own.  
Where he doesn't have to worry of the rain nor snow.  
Where he runs free, tail high in the morning light.  
May the birds who were captured and caged, left flightless,  
let the clear blue sky welcome them home.  
A cool breeze to ruffle their feathers,  
their songs rising in chorus with the ones they lost,  
never again silenced, never again alone.  
May the rabbit on the road wake somewhere safe.

A place where fear does not follow.  
Where the grass is tall and the air smells of home.  
Where paws thump in joy, and the ones they lost  
are waiting  
together again, forever unafraid.  
May the moths scorched find a sky full of gentle suns.  
Warm and bright, to bask in eternity.  
Their hopes to shine never snuffed.  
Where no glow is a trap.  
Where no light leads to an end.  
May the mice, the small and trembling,  
who were caught in traps and poison,  
find themselves whole again, no longer starving.  
Let them scurry through golden wheat together  
only the warmth of a world that finally makes room  
for them.  
And if I am ever taken  
for the simple sin of living,  
let whatever comes next  
hold me more gently than man ever did.



*Alexa Kieck* Grade 12



*Jennifer de Kock* Grade 12



*Alissa Libbrecht* Grade 12





**Anika Ferreira** Grade 10

### GRIEF

**Faye Bishop** Grade 12

*"Such wounds to the heart will probably never heal. But we cannot simply sit and stare at our wounds forever"*

*– Haruki Murakami*

Grief, loss and pain are part of life, no matter how much we wish otherwise. Someone once told me without sadness what is happiness? You cannot have one without the other. I did not understand then but now I do.

When I was younger, I grew up briefly hearing about an uncle I had never met, my uncle Dustin. Anytime anyone spoke of him, my dad would leave the room so I didn't tend to hear a lot about him. My uncle Dustin had passed away in his early twenties and his memory made my dad too sad to even hear about. I didn't understand when I was younger as I had never felt grief.

When my cousin, Zephyr, passed away at 19 years old, I understood but I was different from my dad. I like the memories and I love to speak about him. Zephyr's sister takes after my dad in the way that she can't hear about him. Grief is complicated I learnt; not everyone responds the same. Some people cannot move past it so they choose to ignore it and some let it become their waking thought. I think I am similar to my mother in the way I accept my pain and use it to make myself stronger.

Earlier in the same week Zephyr passed away, my mom was

told she has cancer. She had cancer and had beaten it twice before. This time was different; she had stage four cancer. It was a hard week but the strongest out of my entire family that week was my mother. I admire my mom for always staying strong when she has the best reasons to fall apart.

I will never stop missing Zephyr and wishing he was here just as my dad has not stopped missing my uncle Dustin, even after over 20 years. Loss like that will never stop hurting but there is a choice to let it rule your life or you can move forward with it.

My uncle Dustin loved the quote "I would rather live one day as a lion than a lifetime as a sheep." This quote is now 'kind of' my family's motto and my brother even got it tattooed on him. Both Zephyr and my uncle Dustin really embodied this motto. They were not here long but they made a big impact while they were.

We cannot let pain control our lives or we won't have one. There is a difference between living and surviving. Instead of wasting one's life grieving, one can use it to honour our loved ones who have passed by living well and to the fullest.



## MY FAVOURITE SEASON OF THE YEAR

*Olivia Freercks* Grade 10

Spring is the season of new life, growth and fresh starts. It awakens the world and brings new light and perspective to everything around us.

Spring is the season of flowers. Millions of tiny buds, imprisoned by Winter, escape their cells and start to bloom. The world becomes an explosion of colours, ranging from deep violet to brilliant blue and pastel yellow. It is as if the world is adorning itself with rich and radiant jewels. Dead, empty fields become lush carpets and a sweet, fresh aroma hangs in the air.

Spring awakens the creatures of the Earth. The sky is filled with every kind of bird migrating home and their sweet chirps and songs are heard from far away. Snow-white, long-legged lambs are born and frolic joyfully in pastures. Tiny insects like bees and ladybirds start flying again. Squirrels cautiously emerge from hibernation, to the sight of a new and glorious world.

Spring gives warmth to the sun. Finally, the sun's long fight with Winter is over. It soaks everything in a bright glow, rejuvenating the cold limbs of trees and melting early morning frost. The world is bathed in warmth and light. Everything starts to thaw and enjoy the healing power that radiates from it. The sun is a gentle reminder that pulls the world from a

deep sleep.

Spring brings new growth to plants. Naked trees with long, brittle boughs are enrobed by small green leaves that give them a sense of life. Shoots of bright green grass appear in frost-bitten patches of dead, brown weeds. Seeds, planted long ago and completely forgotten, suddenly sprout from unexpected places. Everywhere you look, in all shades of green, there is evidence of life!

Spring is my favourite season because it brightens the world, creating beauty and wonder in what was a cold, harsh environment. It brings feelings of hope and joy amidst the dark times of today's world.



*Kiandra-Leigh Stuthard* Grade 8



*Jessica Staples* Grade 10



*Julie Laubscher* Grade 9





### WHAT'S BEHIND SUCH A SIMPLE GESTURE?

**Iminathi Nonganga** Grade 9

A smile. What a beautiful thing. Someone who is always smiling must be so happy. Right? I don't know if that is true as my smile hides so much more.

I smile when I am happy but also when I am sad. I smile at strangers even though I am mad. A smile is such a powerful thing that could make someone's day. Everyone has problems in life even those closest to me, but my smile may be the sunshine and rainbows as they walk through a storm.

A warm and genuine smile makes others feel safe and may create excitement. I smile at my friends, even on their worst days to help bring a spark of hope back to their eyes.

I do not only smile because I am happy but to cover up how messy things get inside my head. I smile so no one knows how bad things are but to also keep up the 'perfect girl' image. 'The girl with perfect grades; a perfect body and who excels at sport has no reason to be sad or angry.' That is what society thinks so I smile to avoid being called dramatic, while my heart slowly breaks into a million pieces.

A smile is a simple gesture – easy to fake while making it look real. When I smile, people always look at my lips, but no one seems to look at my eyes.

So yes, a smile is a beautiful thing that can hide so much.



**Nikilitha Tundube** Grade 11

### EK KYK NA DIE LEWE MET 'N POSITIEWE GESINDHEID

**Lea Vermaak** Graad 11

Ek glo dat alles in die lewe met 'n doel gebeur. Soms verstaan ons nie dadelik hoekom sekere dinge met ons gebeur nie, veral as dit 'n moeilike ding is, maar ek glo vas dat daar altyd 'n rede is. Hierdie ingesteldheid help my om positief te bly, selfs wanneer dinge nie uitwerk soos ek dit wou hê nie.

Ek glo dat God ons lei en by ons is, in goeie én slegte tye. Wanneer ek deur 'n moeilike tyd gaan, herinner ek myself daaraan dat ek nie alleen is nie. God gee ons krag, wysheid en hoop wanneer ons dit die meeste nodig het. Dit is vir my 'n groot troos om te weet dat daar 'n groter plan is – selfs al kan ek dit nie altyd sien nie.

Ek sien uitdagings as geleenthede om te groei. Moeilike tye leer ons belangrike lesse – dit maak ons sterker, wyser en dankbaarder. Sonder daardie moeilike oomblikke, sou ons dalk nooit beseef het hoe sterk ons regtig is nie.

'n Positiewe gesindheid beteken nie dat ek alles in die lewe mooi of maklik sien nie. Dit beteken net dat ek kies om hoop te hê, selfs in die donker tye. Ek kies om te glo dat beter dae voorlê, en dat elke dag 'n kans is om iets moois te beleef.

Uiteindelik is dit hoe ek kies om na die lewe te kyk – met geloof, hoop en 'n positiewe gesindheid.



**Jemima Gibson** Grade 11



## DIE HOOGTEPUNT VAN MY SKOOLLOOPBAAN

*Maria Freercks Graad 12*

Wat as hoërskool h reeks van vyf boeke is en ek nou in die laaste boek is? Die storie is amper op sy einde en die karakters begin stadig uit die storie verdwyn...

Ek en hierdie karakters het vyf jaar saam grootgeword. Sommige was minder belangrike karakters terwyl ander bondgenote was en hul plek in my storie gevestig het. Deur die verloop van my hele boekereeks het ons saam geglimlag en nou op die punt om saam totsiens te sê. Hierdie boekereeks is propvol hoofstukke en hoogtepunte. So wat staan uit?

Die hoofstuk oor akademiese het my geleer hoe om vasberade te wees. In h jaar wat berug is vir sy akademiese stryd, het ek geleer om weer op te staan wanneer ek val. Gedurende my skoolloopbaan geniet ek dit om te leer; daarom is dit h hoogtepunt vir my.

Die hoofstuk oor verantwoordelikhede was ook h hoogtepunt. Dit het my gewys dat ek tot baie dinge in staat is. Aan die begin was ek senuweeagtig, maar deur die verloop van die hoofstuk het ek wysheid, tidsbestuur en hoe om besluite te neem, geleer.

Dan is daar die lang hoofstuk oor vriende (dalk die mooiste

van al die hoofstukke)! Sonder hoofkarakters sou hierdie toevoeging by die reeks baie vervelig wees. Dit is hoekom, toe ek aan die hele boekereeks terugdink, my vriende die ware hoogtepunt is.

Nou is die storie amper klaar en dit is net die epiloog wat regtig oorbly. Ek is hartseer om hierdie pretreks van my lewe af te sluit, maar h goeie storie moet tot h einde kom, al is dit net om plek vir die volgende reeks te maak.



*Nqabisa Tukwayo Grade 8*



*Emily Handley Grade 10*





## CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS



*Megan Kockott* Grade 12



*Madison Hoyle* Grade 12



*Shiloh Biggs* Grade 10





Kyra Butler Grade 12



Tayla Paxton Grade 12



Yanelisa Nomoyi Grade 12





## CREATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS

### DIE MEISIE OP DIE STRAND

*Talia Castelyn* Graad 10

Dis laatmiddag en ek stap al vir 'n halfuur op die strand en soek. Die son sak vinnig en ek begin moed verloor. Ek begin na die dorpie toe stap, maar skeiklik sien ek haar – die meisie op die strand.

Die dorpsmense vertel altyd stories van hierdie meisie. Al waaroor die mense praat, is haar sagte blou oë wat van ver af skitter, haar blonde kort hare wat in die wind waai, haar lippe wat soos rooi aarbeie lyk en die feit dat sy die gesig van 'n model het.

Die rede waarom almal oor haar praat, is dat as iemand naby haar kom, verdwyn sy soos mis voor die son. Mense wonder of sy wel daar was daar waar haar rooi handdoek en boek lê.

Ek staan geskok en staar na die meisie op die strand. Sy draai haar kop na my toe en kyk my direk in my oë... die stories is waar, sy bestaan!

Ek stap nader om met haar te gesels, maar binne sekondes verdwyn sy. Ek kyk orals om my en net die rooi handdoek en haar boek lê voor my. Op haar boek lê 'n silwer ring en 'n kettinkie, met die voorletter "L".

Ek wonder...maar glo my ek sal later terugkom om haar weer te soek...



*Sameeha Peer* Grade 12



*Lillian Krige* Grade 11

### MY DROOMHUIS

*Lea Vermaak* Graad 11

'n Matjie voor die voordeur wat almal verwelkom. Hier in die middel van nêrens, weg van die stad se geraas, weg van mense – net 'n huis gevul met vrede en die natuur om my.

Hier op 'n plaas in die middel van nêrens staan 'n groot wit plaashuis met 'n groen dak, groot vensters en vensterrame wat by die kleur van die dak pas. 'n Groot tuin met kleurvolle blomme – pienk, geel, rooi en pers. 'n Swembad groot genoeg vir die hele gesin en 'n pophuis in die tuin waar my dogtertjies kan speel. 'n Sandput vir my seuntjie.

Hierdie huis behoort aan my. 'n Huis gevul met liefde en vrede vir familie en vriende. Hier hoor jy niks anders as die natuur se stilte, kinders wat lag en die gesels van mense wat mekaar liefhet nie. Niemand baklei of skree nie.

Die reuk van nat gras en blomme, vars gebakte huiskos en 'n soetdingetjie as troos.

'n Matjie by die voordeur wat almal laat welkom voel.

Kom binne...Maak jouself tuis!



## UMCULO

*Yimitha Mbekeni Grade 12*

Uthando lomculo lusemithanjeni yam. Ndisama ngenja, umculo wawuhlala udlalwa endlwini abazali bam bewumamela rhoqo. Le mpembelelo yabo yandenza ndangena nzulu emculweni. Usapho lwam lusoloko lusithi, “Umculo yinxalenye yosapho lwethu”, kuba umzali ngamnye uye waba nendlela eyahlukileyo yokunika intsingiselo yobomi esebenzisa umculo. Ndingwenela ukunikeza olu thando lwam lomculo kwabam abantwana kuba ndiwubona njengelifa lam.

Kukho iindidi ngeendidi zomculo: Endizithanda ngaphezu kwezinye ngumculo weR&B, onomyalezo wezothando nonxulumano nabanye abantu, nomculo wokudumisa nokunqula. Umculo weR&B undivumela ukuba ndingene kwelinye ilizwe ndijongane neemvakalelo zam. Xa ndiziva ndonwabile, ndidandathekile okanye ndinothando, kuhlala kukho ingoma ehambelana nalo mvakalelo.

Kukho amaxesha apho intliziyo yam ilangazelela uxolo, inzolo, kunye nobudlelwane noMdali, apho kungena khona umculo wokudumisa nokunqula. Ndiqale ndimncinci ukucula ndicula kwikwayara yecawa, apho ndafunda khona ukuba umculo awusisiyo nje into yokuphulaphula, kodwa indlela

yokunxibelelana noThixo, nabanye abantu kunye nesiqu sam. Olu didi lomculo lundibuyisela apho ndikhumbula khona ukuba akukho nto indimangalisa njengothando lukaThixo.

Ndisacula kwikwayara yesikolo, ndiyakwazi ukudlala iMarimba kwaye ngoku ndifunda ukudlala igitar. Ezi zakhono zibonisa ukuba umculo yinto endiyithabatha nzulu, awuyiyo ndlela yokuzonwabisa kuphela, uyindlela yokuphila. Ndingumntu ohlala enovalo, kusoloko ndinexhala ngayo yonke into kodwa xa ndimamele umculo, ingqondo yam iyathula ixhala lam liduke. Yonke imisebenzi nezinto endizenzayo imihla ngemihla zihambelana nengoma. Ukupheka, ukulungiselela imini ezayo naxa ndifunda okanye ndisenza umsebenzi wesikolo kuhlala njalo kudlala umculo okholisa intliziyo yam.

Umculo kum, ngumhlobo wam osoloko ekhona. Uyandithuthuzela ngexesha leentlungu, undiphakamise xa ndingenamdla uvuselele namaphupha am. Ngumcebisi ongathethiyo, kodwa osebenza ngamagama ukundithethela xa awam amazwi aphilile.



*Aaliyah Albany Grade 11*





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### UXINZELELO LWEENTANGA

*Saneliso Josiah Grade 10*

“Ukuba yena uyayenza, nam ndiza kuyenza. Obu buhlobo bubalulekile kum andifuni kuphulukana nabo.” Ezi ziingcinga endiba nazo amaxesha amaninzi kodwa ndiye ndizikhumbuze ukuba iinjongo zam nemvelaphi yam yahlukile kweyabanye.

Izihlobo zibalulekile empilweni yethu kodwa okona kubalulekileyo kukuzikhumbuza ukuba izigqibo endizithathayo mazibe zezifunwa ndim hayi omnye umntu

Uxinzelelo lweentanga okanye ukunyanzelwa ukwenza izinto ngenxa yokufuna ukulungelelanisa ubuhlobo beqela kungaba yinto enzima kakhulu. Singabafundi, siyathanda ukuba nabahlobo abathile, sifune nokuvumelana nabo nokuba into ayilunganga. Kubalulekile ngoko ke xa ulandela imiyalelo yabo uqale ucinge ukuba iziphumo ziza kuba njani na.

Ukusebenza kakuhle, ukugcina ubuhlobo obuqinileyo, nokugcina isimilo sakho kungaba yimizkelo yokuphumelela ebomini bakho, ngaphandle kokulandela iziyobisi, ukudlala ngemali okanye ukwenza izinto ezingavumelekanga ngenxa yoxinzelelo lweentanga.

Kule mihla iimeko ezinje zihlala zisenzeka, kwaye abantu kufuneka babonise amandla okukwazi ukuthi “hayi!” xa benyanzelwa ukuba benze izinto abangazifuniyo. Kubalulekile ukuba sifunde ukomelela ze sibe nesibindi sokuphendula kakuhle xa sijongene noxinzelelo lweentanga.

Ukuthi “hayi” akusoloko kulula, kodwa kukho amandla amakhulu ekuhlonipheni imigaqo yakho.

Xa unomhlobo okukhuthazayo, ofunda kakuhle okanye onenkuthalo yokwenza okuhle, kunokunceda ukuba nawe ukhuthazeke, ukhuthale. Olu xinzelelo lolona ndilukhethayo kuba lundenza ndibe ngcono kunakuqala

Okokugqibela, uxinzelelo lweentanga alunakukoyisa xa uzazi, uzithembile kwaye uzimisele ukulwela elakho ikamva elibonakala ngokucacileyo ukuba liqaqambile.

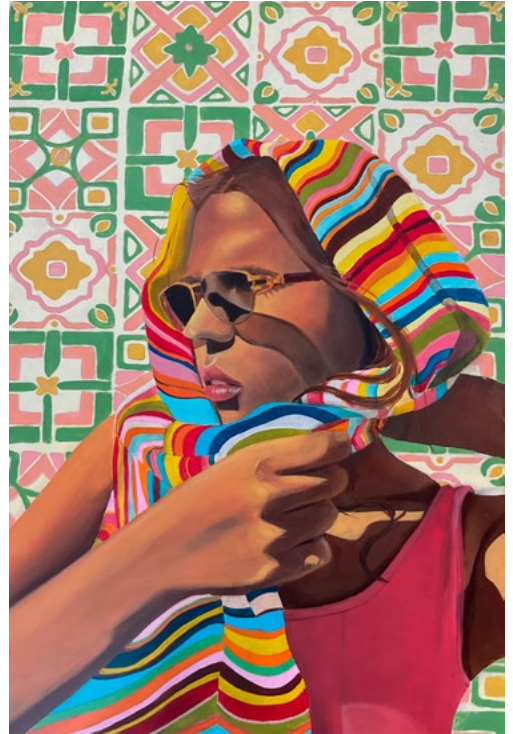
Ngoko ke, xa uthe wafumana isandi seentanga sikutsala ngendlela ongayithandiyo, khumbula ukuba awuzalelwanga ukuba ulandele abanye, wazalelwa ukuba nguwe. Musa ukuzibandakanya nezinto ezingalunganga ngenxa yabahlobo, leyo yingcebiso ya



*Kristen Botha Grade 11*



*Meca Rielly* Grade 12



*Olivia Handley* Grade 11



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## LES PETITS BONHEURS DE LA VIE

*Nina van Heerden* Grade 10

Tout le monde est tellement concentré sur ce qu'il pourrait faire plus tard ou sur ce qu'il deviendra. Mais personne ne parle jamais des choses simples de la vie qui la rendent agréable. Aujourd'hui, vous entendrez quelques points de différents étudiants sur les choses simples de la vie, et j'espère qu'ils pourront vous aider à voir à quel point vous devriez être reconnaissant pour la vie que vous avez.

### Musique

La sensation d'écouter votre chanson préférée après une longue journée d'école est celle que beaucoup ont décrite comme le meilleur moment de leur journée. La musique peut être considérée comme un moyen de "se débarrasser de la poussière de la vie quotidienne." La musique peut également être utilisée comme un petit booster de dopamine et comme un anti-stress.

### Journées ensoleillées en hiver

Cela peut paraître étrange, mais de nombreux étudiants ont convenu que s'asseoir au soleil et profiter de la chaleur pendant une saison "froide" est un plaisir inattendu. Et je peux convenir que m'asseoir sur le terrain au déjeuner et profiter du soleil est l'une de mes expériences préférées pendant l'école.

### Être avec des amis

De nombreux élèves s'accordent à dire que leur moment préféré de la journée à l'école est de déjeuner avec leurs amis. Partager des anecdotes drôles, rire ensemble et se disputer pour des brouilles ne sont que quelques exemples de ce qu'ils considèrent comme leur "moment préféré de la journée à l'école."

### Une gourmandise du snack le vendredi

De nombreux élèves ont déclaré qu'une simple gourmandise suffisait pour tenir toute la journée, surtout le vendredi. C'est la seule chose que les élèves attendent avec impatience à la fin de la semaine et c'est une véritable motivation pour persévérer.

## TRANSLATION

### *Life's Little Joys*

*Everyone is so focused on what they could do later or what they will become. But no one ever talks about the simple things in life that make it enjoyable. Today, you will hear some insights from different students about the simple things in life, and I hope they can help you see how grateful you should be for the life you have.*

### Musique

*The feeling of listening to your favourite song after a long day of school is one that many described as the best part of their day.*

*Music can be seen as a way to "shake off the dust of everyday life". Music can also be used as a small dopamine booster and a stress reliever.*

### *Sunny Days in Winter*

*It may sound strange, but many students agreed that sitting in the sun and enjoying the warmth during a "cold" season is an unexpected pleasure. And I can agree that sitting on the field at lunch time and enjoying the sunshine is one of my favourite experiences during school.*

### *Being with Friends*

*Many students agree that their favourite part of the school day is having lunch with their friends. Sharing funny stories, laughing together, and arguing over trivial matters are just a few examples of what they consider their "favourite part of the school day".*

### *A Friday Treat*

*Many students said that a simple treat is enough to get them through the day, especially on Fridays. It is the one thing students look forward to at the end of the week and is a real motivation to persevere.*



*Amy Heukelman* Grade 12





*Kate Erasmus* Grade 12



*Jordan Pierpoint* Grade 12



## MARIE CURIE

*Katherine Wilson Grade 10*

Marie Curie était une femme de premier ordre. Elle fut la première femme professeure à la Sorbonne. Elle fut également la première femme à recevoir un prix Nobel et la seule à en avoir remporté deux dans deux sciences différentes.

Née à Varsovie, en Pologne, elle s'installa à Paris en 1891 pour étudier à la Sorbonne. Elle rencontra Pierre Curie et l'épousa en 1895. Ensemble, ils découvrirent le polonium et le radium.

Elle travailla dans des conditions difficiles, mais poursuivit ses recherches. Pendant la Première Guerre mondiale, elle utilisa le radium pour soigner les soldats blessés.

Elle mourut des suites d'une exposition aux radiations. Elle et son mari furent enterrés dans des cercueils de plomb, car ils étaient encore radioactifs.

### TRANSLATION

Marie Curie was a woman of distinction. She was the first female professor at the Sorbonne. She was also the first woman to receive a Nobel Prize and the only one to win two in two different sciences.

Born in Warsaw, Poland, she moved to Paris in 1891 to study at the Sorbonne. She met Pierre Curie and married him in 1895. Together, they discovered polonium and radium.

She worked in difficult conditions but continued her research. During World War I, she used radium to treat wounded soldiers.

She died from radiation exposure. She and her husband were buried in lead coffins because they were still radioactive.



*Tamrèn Champion Grade 12*

## PÂTISSERIES DE PARIS

*Philippa Stevens Grade 11*

À Paris, le véritable art se cache derrière les vitrines des boulangeries de quartier. Ici, des pâtisseries talentueux transforment des ingrédients simples en gourmandises françaises incontournables.

Les pâtisseries parisiens s'entraînent pendant des années pour perfectionner leur savoir-faire, ils se lèvent tôt pour façonner des croissants et confectionner de délicats éclairs avec une précision minutieuse. « Un croissant parfait doit se briser sous la dent », explique Marie Dubois, propriétaire d'une boulangerie dans le Marais. « Ce n'est pas seulement de la nourriture, c'est de l'architecture comestible. »

Le célèbre croissant, avec ses couches feuilletées, est le grand favori du petit-déjeuner, suivi de près par le pain au chocolat, un croissant rectangulaire fourré au chocolat.

Au-delà du petit-déjeuner, la magie continue. Les macarons,



*Layan Adams Grade 9*





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ces confiseries colorées trop belles pour être dévorées, côtoient les éclairs, ces délicats choux fourrés à la crème vanille et nappés de chocolat. Le dernier grand favori est le Paris-Brest, une pâtisserie en forme de roue créée en 1910 pour une célèbre course cycliste. Elle illustre comment Paris allie tradition et créativité.

Les pâtisseries parisiennes évoluent également au fil des saisons. Le printemps apporte ses tartes aux fraises, l'été ses tartes aux fruits, aux abricots et aux fruits rouges. L'automne est synonyme de tartes aux pommes, tandis que l'hiver est synonyme de pâtisseries fourrées aux amandes.

Ces pâtisseries font partie du quotidien parisien. Les enfants dégustent des pains au chocolat après l'école et les visites chez le boulanger le week-end sont l'occasion de discuter avec leurs voisins tout en choisissant des gourmandises.

Les pâtisseries d'aujourd'hui honorent la tradition tout en explorant de nouvelles idées. Ils expérimentent des saveurs comme le sésame noir et le miel de lavande, tout en maintenant une technique affûtée.

Chaque bouchée vous plonge dans des siècles de tradition pâtissière. À Paris, les pâtisseries ne sont pas que des desserts, ce sont de petites célébrations de la beauté et du plaisir au quotidien.

Alors, la prochaine fois que vous passerez devant une vitrine de boulangerie chaleureuse et lumineuse, rappelez-vous que chaque pâtisserie représente un savoir-faire affiné dans une ville qui a transformé la consommation de sucreries en une forme d'art.

### TRANSLATION

#### Parisian Pastries

In Paris, the true artistry happens behind the windows of local bakeries. Here, skilled pastry chefs turn simple ingredients into France's most famous treats.

Parisian pastry chefs train for years to perfect their skills. They wake up early to shape croissants and craft delicate éclairs with careful precision.

"A perfect croissant should shatter when you bite it," explains Marie Dubois, owner of a bakery in the Marais district. "It's not just food, it's edible architecture."

The famous croissant, with its flaky layers, is the breakfast favourite, while pain au chocolat, a more rectangular shaped croissant filled with chocolate, runs a close second.

Beyond breakfast, the magic continues. Macarons are the colourful confections that look too pretty to eat along with éclairs, the delicate choux pastries which are filled with vanilla cream and topped with chocolate.

The final well-known favourite is the Paris-Brest, a wheel-shaped pastry created in 1910 for a famous bicycle race. It is a show of how Paris blends tradition with creativity.

Parisian pastries also change with the seasons. Spring brings strawberry tarts and summer offers fruit tarts with apricots and berries. Autumn features apple tarts, while winter calls for almond-filled pastries.

These pastries are part of daily Parisian life. Children enjoy pain au chocolat after school and weekend bakery visits become chances to chat with neighbours while picking treats.

Today's pastry chefs honour tradition while trying new ideas. They experiment with flavours like black sesame and lavender-honey, while keeping their technical skills sharp.

Each bite connects you to centuries of baking tradition. In Paris, pastries are not just desserts, they are small celebrations of beauty and pleasure in everyday life.

So, next time you pass a warm, glowing bakery window, remember that each pastry represents a honed skill in a city that turned eating something sweet into a form of art.



*Hannah Campbell Grade 12*



*Kayla Long* Grade 9



*Hannah Campbell* Grade 12



*Brianna Isaacs* Grade 12





## FOUNDERS' DAY

This year Collegiate celebrated 151 years since the founding of our school. As part of the annual tradition, the learners each received their icecreams to enjoy as part of the Founders' Day celebrations.

There was a cheerful atmosphere around the campus as Old Girls returned in their reunion groups to reminisce, laugh and share stories of their school days. It was lovely to see the joy and excitement as they reunited after many years of not seeing each other.

The guest speaker was Mrs Tracy Hirst (née Geard), Head Girl of the class of 1994, who is the Head of Marketing at Rand Merchant Bank. She has also worked at Allan Gray and PSG. Tracy delivered a wonderful address as she shared some stories of her own learning, and principles that are important to her.

After the assembly, everyone moved to the Quad, where we were joined by the Grade One to Seven learners from Collegiate Junior for the traditional Flag Raising and candle lighting ceremony.

Staff, Old Girls and special guests then enjoyed a delicious tea in the Ivy Leaf.

The annual derby was against Union High where Collegiate competed in many sporting codes and cultural activities on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

The Prestige Music Concert was held on Sunday afternoon in the Stevenson Hall. This concert is a collaboration between Collegiate High and Collegiate Junior School, and the bands and choirs performed magnificently.

**Mrs H Carter**





## FOUNDERS' DAY – 9 MAY 2025

Over one hundred and fifty years ago, in 1873, a group of Port Elizabeth residents met to discuss the founding of a school for their daughters. The Grey Institute for boys had been established in 1856, and now it was time to provide a comparable education for girls. Their vision bore fruit, and in 1874 the Collegiate School for Girls was born.

Last night, we gathered in that same spirit at our Old Girls' Reunion Dinner – a tradition stretching back to 1910, when the very first dinner was held in the Bird Street School Hall. Though decades have passed, the essence remains unchanged: friends reunited, memories rekindled, laughter shared. In the blink of an eye, it feels as though the years slip away and you are once again those carefree Collegiate sisters of yesteryear.

At that first dinner in 1910, it was said:

*"This dinner is a step in the right direction; it helps bring the Originals, Old Girls and present girls in closer touch with one another, and binds us together in the common cause of working for the success of the Collegiate."*

That is the magic of this school – the Collegiate sisterhood, steadfast and enduring, holds us together across time and distance.

Seventy years ago, in 1955, the then Headmistress, Mrs Brock, wrote – with dry wit and weary hope – of the elusive move to our current Parsons Hill campus. "There is one hardy annual," she quipped, "almost perennial now... the move to the new school site – and the progress I have to report is exactly nil."

Plans were delayed, promises vague, official commitment scarce and the Department sympathetic yet impoverished. However, the school community did not give up. In that same year, to raise £10 000 needed for the new hall, the School Committee Chair appealed to the community, encouraging contributions to the newly formed *Collegiate School Development Fund*:

*"The wool or the pineapple cheque may provide a surplus – you may be making a will and arranging bequests – your daughter may have passed Matric and you may be feeling grateful to the Old School... the fund is there, ready to receive contributions both large and small."*

Today, some things remain unchanged. The Education Department is still impoverished. We receive just R150,000 annually – roughly two months' worth of lights and water – and the salaries of 21 teachers. The rest is made possible through grit, generosity, and the faithful support of our broader Collegiate family.

Last year, through the Collegia Trust Foundation and the "Build a Brick" campaign, many of the Old Girls helped to create the beautiful Jubilee Walkway, with a seated area proudly encircling our mosaic crest. We are grateful to the



numerous Old Girls and class groups who made this possible and whose plaques adorn the seated area walls.

Looking ahead, our vision is to break ground in January for a long-dreamt-of Music Centre – a space worthy of the talent it will house. But we are still far short of the R25 million required. There are exciting sponsorship opportunities available, from naming rights to individual music rooms, the auditorium, and the Centre itself. Please consider being part of this next chapter.

Whilst fundraising for the development of the school is essential, it is also important to live out our motto, *Facta non Verba* and so serve the community.

Let us continue walking through the decades:

### 1965 – Sixty Years Ago

Miss Waterfield was Principal and Heather Henderson served as Head Girl. The Grey-Collegiate Debate, held annually in the Grey Restaurant or Stevenson Hall, was a highlight. Perhaps it's time to revive this spirited tradition – Mrs Weideman, Debaters, over to you!

### 1975 – Fifty Years Ago

Under Miss Jenkins, Juliette Eberhard led as Head Girl – and this year she flew in from Vancouver Island to speak at last night's OCGG dinner. That is the Collegiate Sisterhood in action: across continents and decades, the bond endures.

Squash was introduced in 1975 and played at the Westview Club with four girls earning national selection. Queen Elizabeth House – affectionately known today as Lizzy House – was formed with Glenda Pearson as its first House Captain. The OCGG gifted the Queen Elizabeth flag, which Anna Porter carried today. Lizzy House, a celebration is in order for your golden jubilee House Day next term!





In 1975, the Christmas Cheer Fête – now the Charity Bazaar – raised R1,353.67.

### 1985 – Forty Years Ago

Miss Ellis was two years into her principalship. In her Valedictory speech, Head Girl Alison Collier said:

*"Give of your best for this beautiful school of ours, so that you can always be proud to say that you went to Collegiate."*

Our school is indeed beautiful today from the visions of yesterday: in that year, Mr Mattison, the Biology teacher advocated for the upper quad's fishpond – essential for plant studies, of course, he argued.

Karen Bruns, now Senior Director of Alumni Relations at Stellenbosch University, won Best Director for Queen Mary House, while Jenni Fulto of Queen Victoria House won Best Actress in the annual Inter-House Play Competition.

New clubs emerged – the Xhosa Society, the Latin and Culture Club – alongside new celebrations of Valentine's Day, Spring Day, and Love Your Teacher Day (a tradition we wouldn't mind bringing back).

The proceeds from the Collegiate Carols and the Chairity Bazaar doubled in a decade, raising R3,330, and R3,178 respectively.

### 1995 – Thirty Years Ago

Mrs Cunningham left for Australia, and Latin began its slow farewell. A major event in the year was the Royal Visit to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, now a democratic republic, having rejoined the Commonwealth of Nations in 1994. (In 1961, South Africa had to leave the Commonwealth because of

growing international opposition to its apartheid policies of the time.)

### 2000 – Twenty-Five Years Ago

Miss Ellis addressed the Standard Ten learners, reminding them that success now depended not on luck, but on their own industry, common sense and ability to do things well.

Head Girl Donna Stephens echoed that sentiment: *"We came, we saw, we conquered... We arrived as nervous Std 6s, we learnt, we laughed, we cried and we succeeded... We thank the school for giving us the opportunity to survive in this very challenging and competitive world. May the love you experienced at Collegiate guide you as we go our separate ways."*

Twenty-five-year group – I hope that love and those values have guided you. I hope you've smiled, ventured, formed friendships, and flourished. To the current girls – heed Donna's wise words: *never take this school for granted. Collegiate not only builds character, but develops talents, no matter where they lie.*

That year, Collegiate Carols raised R10,381.60 and the Herald Christmas Cheer fund received R16,404, five times that of ten years ago!

### 2005 – Twenty Years Ago

The Matric Farewell Dinner theme was "The Oscars: 50s and 60s." Claire Purcell reflected in an essay titled *"How many cares one loses when one decides not to be something but to be someone"* – Coco Chanel.

She wrote:

*"Our lives are so caught up in getting to a certain point that we*





*forget the point of life altogether... If we are so focused on surviving the day, how can we ever experience life with meaning?"*

Whether or not Hollywood beckoned, I hope you have lived lives of meaning and have truly become your own person.

That year, the Community Chest received R11 266 from the annual Collegiate Carols – slow growth.

## 2015 – Ten Years Ago

Mrs Bagshaw was in her fourth year as Principal. The Matric Dance was held at the Boardwalk Hotel – a once-off – and the inaugural *67 Blankets for Mandela Day* launched. Each learner knitted four squares – or recruited a granny to do so! Today, the girls are still knitting for Mandela Day!

The Matric Dinner theme was "Rocking the Daisies – Colli Style," and Head Girl Megan Derry reminded her peers of school memories – from nerdy socials to vleis swims and Zumba classes with Miss Coetzee.

She quipped: *"Unfortunately, our marks took a bit of a decline due to the Matric Dance... Good thing it was in February."*

## What has changed in ten years?

So much – and yet the spirit of the school remains.

- The staff room was enlarged and the front office remodelled.
- The library was revamped, thanks to the financial generosity of Mrs Gill Gray, née De Wet, and the time and hard work of Sarah Bisdée (née Wilson)
- A dedicated Drama Room was created.
- The Games Club was born.
- The College Girl shop closed, becoming a much-needed boardroom.
- The Blue Area was lightened and re-floored and is now the "Old Blue Area"!
- Five canvases of courageous women celebrating our core values – good work ethic, respect, responsibility, compassion, and integrity – now hang there.
- A striking painting by Lizo Pemba, *Xhosa Wedding*, was installed.
- Girls' artwork is now honoured throughout the campus.

- "Comfortable in Our Skins" led to a permanent Diversity, Inclusivity and Transformation Committee.
- The Simamele Forum invites bold, necessary conversations.
- We established an Educator-Internship for post-graduate students.
- The Guardian Company supports our safe-guarding programme.
- We now have a full Wellness Department.
- We are a full MS Teams school and all have iPads.
- The hostel dining room and gardens have been transformed.
- The campus runs on borehole water.
- We have a cricket pitch, a successful team, and new nets.
- Our AstroTurf was resurfaced to international standards and a mini-astro added.
- SuperSport Schools now streams live games from our net-ball courts and hockey turf.
- A much-needed workshop and storeroom were added.
- Bathrooms have been modernised.
- And in our 150th year, the Southsure Fitness Centre opened, alongside the Jubilee Walkway and the magnificent sculpture "Courage" by Sarah Walmsley – which stands in our Garden of Reflection and was unveiled by Professor Thuli Madonsela.

To end, as I did last year, I am going to refer to my remarks at the Founders' Day Assembly in 2021. I said that, 1991, now thirty-two years ago, is, I believe, the **second founding** of Collegiate. It is the year that Collegiate's Management Team and the School Committee grasped the opportunity to adopt a non-racial admission's policy and to open the doors to all children of South Africa, to act with **integrity**, one of our core values, and to start the new journey to becoming a united school of all races where all are comfortable in their skins. Journeys never really end – we just progress further down the road. Sometimes we hit potholes – large ones in our beautiful land – and the scenery might change, but the values that drive the sisterhood of strong, confident girls, united in our diversity, remain.

**Mrs L Erasmus**





### Founders' Day Address – Tracy Hirst



I am here today simply to share a few stories, stories of my learnings, and principles that are important to me. Using my career, I can share with you my search for my happy place. Not everything I say will resonate – I remember when I struggled through listening to speeches at school – but my wish is that you take with you what appeals to you.

At my twenty-year school reunion, I sat next to a lovely lady celebrating her sixty-year reunion. I started a conversation about when it is that we stop parenting our children. When I mentioned my daughter's age at the time, she said that my job was already done because by the age of ten years old, a child's value system is already in place. They know the difference between right and wrong and a parent or school merely guides them from then on. So just by being exposed to Collegiate's value system, all of you learners have a head start out there.

Most companies I have worked for, seem to have similar values. Looking back, I believe I chose companies that aligned with my own value system. I brought in suppliers who subscribed to a similar value system. I then helped communicate to clients with similar value systems. People like me – who adopted "high standards, low expectations" – became managers, and we hired people with similar value systems. So, we built teams with similar work ethics and attitudes. I did not have to have "leave your ego at the door" conversations. An attitude of entitlement certainly wouldn't have gotten me far. These types of statements are attached to your own value system. A few years back, I articulated my own personal values, articulated what is important to me. I revisit them every few years and do my best not to compromise them.

Your values will also become your cornerstones in decision-making. As you sit here today, all of you are faced with

choices. For Grade Eights, it may be a sport or society to choose; Grade Nines are thinking about subject choices for next year; Grade Twelves are focusing on what you will do next year. I think we all know that with each choice comes a consequence. But if you use some basic values to inform your decisions, then decisions become easier, your choices get less difficult and the consequences tilt towards a more positive outcome.

Collegiate not only shaped my values but also gave me access to a network. I met the late Gill Gray (she was a Collegiate matriculant 37 years prior to me) when she was a Founders' Day speaker – perhaps it was no coincidence that I started working at her husband's company Allan Gray, in 2001. Perhaps growing up in the Eastern Cape was the start to me building my very own network. Tell people that you come from the 'friendly city', and it is likely to open a door at some stage. I'm very grateful for my Eastern Cape network.

Looking back, not everything went according to plan always. My trumpet career ended due to braces and my hockey career ended due to injury. I have had to pick myself up and move on to something else.

I really have had some epic fails. Collegiate did not offer Accounting as a subject in the early nineties. To be fair if it had, I am not sure I would have chosen it. Accounts was a compulsory module for my Commerce degree at university. I went into my first year overly confident. I am not sure how I thought skipping lectures and prioritising parties would help me get to grips with an entirely new numerical concept. Nothing prepared me for that first Accounting test. Sixteen percent was all that I managed. I was reminded of my inability to budget years later when, living in London and after a holiday I had to phone home to ask my dad for a small loan. It is with this backdrop that I surprisingly have a career in finance and where I get involved in helping people to save and invest wherever I can. Yes, I failed in my journey. You will fail too. We will all fail at some stage. So, it's the adapting to the failure that makes it important.

This story is related to the subject of resilience. Luckily happiness is not just about achievements and success. Taking yourself out of your comfort zone and overcoming obstacles can provide huge satisfaction. We will always have problems. Perhaps we should all learn to enjoy life while solving them.

Part of resilience is not fearing the tough conversations. For years I shied away from conflict and having my voice heard. For years I allowed myself to accept the way things were. Take for example a conversation about money – your salary. An ability to manage your own finances is a valued skill. Why is it so difficult to ask for a pay increase when you think and know you deserve it? It should actually be more uncomfortable for your line manager to hear that they are underpaying you. Do your research and know your worth. People with an inflated sense of their own ability are very trying for managers – but







what's the worst that can happen in this situation? So, you did not get the twenty percent you were asking for, but you got twelve percent – that's better than zero.

Another part of resilience is humility. I went to forty-seven interviews when I first arrived in Cape Town but I never gave up. In every challenge lies opportunity. If you train yourself to look for opportunities, you can control the situation and even turn it into something positive. If it can't turn out into something good, at least something good can come out of it. Having humility meant I kept trying, kept improving and kept bettering my odds. I like this about myself.

Unfortunately, we still live in a society that judges us by the way we look (gender, age, race, sexual orientation to name a few). On income disparity, sadly South Africa has the highest inequality in the world. I want to make the point here that you can't let this slow you down. As a female, I often get asked how I have succeeded in a predominantly man's world. I think it has mostly baffled me. Once I even answered that I hadn't noticed. I hadn't noticed because I had taken a different approach. I was focused. I was working hard, long hours, trying to be responsive and getting things done. The path I chose of hard work and results as opposed to being boxed or fixated on societal norms gave me some 'street cred' objectively from both my male and my female colleagues.

Solid values, a strong work ethic, good network, sound decision making, sacrifices, resilience, overcoming obstacles, long hours and hard work. (Sorry that I don't have a more 'fun' solution!) Hard work is in my opinion a staple, a brilliant basic, a guaranteed launch pad, a tip that is difficult to argue. Not fearing hard work is a value for me and I think if nothing else, lose the fear now of 'working hard' into your futures.

So, let's start unpacking your plan and finding your sense of purpose. By purpose I mean what are the memories you wish

to create, how to find joy in your space. So, there's school or tertiary studies which are well-planned phases in a safe environment with set timelines. It's a linear path where school, rules and extra murals are defined. In my case I then hit a rather unstructured phase after school where I gained plenty of memories through travel (almost forty countries in total). Not all phases come with an instruction booklet or a manual (like having children). Some phases taught me more than I intended or planned (like marriage and divorce). No one can be grateful for the extremes experienced in life, but you can certainly be grateful for what you learn from it.

There were times that I didn't always have a focus or a clear direction. Sometimes my plan was not that clear and there were times I was uncertain. What I can tell you is that you should not ask how to start something. When it comes to focus and direction, often you just need to make a start, then ask along the way how you can improve it.

But all the while I remained disciplined, I stuck to routine, motivated to have a career. Another advantage of attending a school such as Collegiate, is you learn not to be late. Being punctual is a value. I am not sure I would have learnt that lesson without the discipline, routine and habits that Collegiate enforced. I did not decide my future; I decided my habits, and my habits decided my future.

There are 8 billion people on earth, 5 billion are of working age, 3 billion people want to work, 1.3 billion are working. Only thirteen percent (or 170 million people globally) of those are happy with their jobs. And I am grateful to say that I am one of them. My happiness has a lot to do with purpose. I am incredibly proud of the advertising work I delivered to build the Allan Gray brand. I built the majority of PSG's brand strength through a webinar series with CEOs, key economists and politicians that still exists today. I am hopefully building



yet another brand within the FirstRand group. The common denominator across all three was that I had a plan to build my career and, in exchange, it gave me a sense of purpose.

I realise that doing what you love and being paid for it is a fine balancing act. For entrepreneurs being able to monetise your passion is key. For you to sell your skill, the reality is that someone has to want to buy it. But it cannot just be a money decision. I'm wary of being motivated by money. If you work in the wrong place, with the wrong people, doing the wrong thing, only your remuneration becomes your compensation. Compensation for all that you must put up with, swallow, bury, avoid, numb, and become. At some point no amount of money is enough. Dignity and value have not come from what I have done and what I have earned. They've come from how I have done it.

I have been fortunate enough to make some good, solid decisions along the way too by largely following my gut. I do attribute a lot to common sense (which is often not

that common). Yet another interview environment saw me across the table from a CEO who asked me – think of how you would answer this question – How many tyres are on the road at any given point of time? He was also known for the questions: "How would you work out how many grains of sugar are in a sugar bowl?" He didn't want the actual answers but wanted to see how I would go about working it out. Both were, simply, tests in logic.

I think you all need to hear that you all have the opportunity to really make a difference: within a business, a community or someone else's life. Don't let things control you, like people and money. I definitely spent too many years worrying about what people thought about me. It took years for me to be true to who I am, where I fit in and what I want.

My final words are: live with gratitude and give thanks every day, because, even when you think you have no reason to give thanks, your "normal" day is someone else's dream.







## ROMEO AND JULIET

Collegiate's production of Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet' ran from 25 – 26 March in the Stevenson Hall with some learners from Grey High joining forces with us under the direction of Mr Batista.

'Romeo and Juliet' was an unforgettable experience for the cast and crew who worked tirelessly to create a thrilling experience. It was not just about learning lines, but it was about becoming part of a story. We built friendships and learnt a lot about the characters in 'Romeo and Juliet' and all the various interpretations of these characters.

On opening night, the energy onstage was exhilarating. Bravery came into play when the decision was made to have no curtains. The cast had to stand on stage in character and prepare for the night ahead with no barrier blocking out the crowd. We had to hope and pray that for those twenty minutes, we would not get a sudden itch or need to sneeze.

We had the opportunity to use creative interpretations, fresh

ideas and we had the freedom to express ourselves. The party dance, for example, was choreographed by Grade Eleven learner, Sophia Wood. Trying to get our masks and our mics to cooperate was one of our biggest challenges we faced. We managed to overcome it though, through comedic timing and creative ideas from various cast members. Working without a typical backstage made the performance a lot more interesting as it allowed us the opportunity to watch and feed off of each other's energy throughout the play.

The play was a huge success, and receiving cupcakes on closing night was the best way to celebrate. I will always remember the feeling of being on stage, telling such a famous story. It was a great way to learn about theatre and make memories with new people.

We are grateful to Mr Batista for his hard work, effort and enthusiasm.

**Ava Beary**





The annual Aspire Programme this year began a focused journey, one that asks not just how we *survive*, but how we *thrive*. No two people are the same and we all need different things to grow. Sometimes even when things around us are not perfect, if what is inside us is strong, we can still thrive. The programme included many guest speakers and opportunities for our learners.

Our learners received bookmarks that reminded them to aspire to thrive daily. They were given opportunities to write in their GLAD journals and also received seeds to plant.

Some of our brave learners rolled up their sleeves

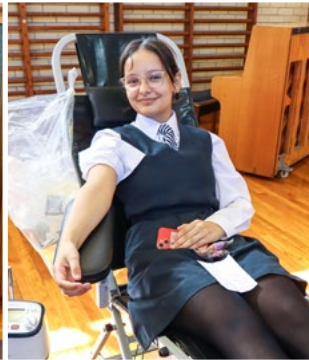
and donated blood — making a real difference and helping to save lives.

Simamele hosted a session as part of the programme on “Building power within and with each other”.

Selected Grade Nine learners spent a day with St James School collaborating and learning about teambuilding and leadership. Miss van Rooyen, our teacher counselor, facilitated activities and talks to empower our future leaders.

We hope that the ASPIRE to THRIVE seeds that have been planted will blossom into future success stories.

**Mrs S Gerber**



**Agency** (control and influence over self)

**Safety**

**Positivity**

**Inclusion**

**Respect**

**Equity** (happy culture of trust)

**Togetherness**

**Harmony**

**Resilience**

**Inspiration**

**Value**

**Empowerment**

Living our Values.  
Building our Future.







## STEAM WEEK

*"All the world is a laboratory to the inquiring mind."*

*- Martin Henry Fischer, Physician & Author*

*"All sorts of things can happen when you're open to new ideas and playing around with things."*

*- Stephanie Kwolek, Chemist & Inventor*

*"Curiosity is the wick in the candle of learning."*

*- William Arthur Ward, Author*

STEAM Week 2025 'steamed' ahead with creativity, problem-solving and scientific exploration. The Science corridors showcased posters which highlighted the role of Mathematics in nature, Art, Music and other disciplines. The official launch assembly set the tone for an inspiring week. Mrs Erasmus presented AI-generated poetry, followed by a stunning musical performance by Clarice Pieterse, who played the theme song from the television show, *Dragon Ball Z*. Guest speaker Jeannie Serfontein, an accomplished industrial engineer, encouraged learners to consider careers in fields such as Engineering where women remain under-represented. Jeannie currently serves as the Solutions Engineering Manager at Jendemark Automation.

The IT Lab was abuzz with activities. The E-Sports club welcomed new members, inspired by the 'break brag' session. In the CAT Lab, learners took part in a high-level Talent Search Olympiad, from the same organisation that offers CAT and Programming Olympiads. Grade Ten to Twelve Physical Sciences learners had the privilege of engaging with Nelson Mandela University lecturers, gaining valuable insights into advanced scientific concepts. A hands-on 3D printing workshop provided learners with a practical introduction to this rapidly evolving technology.

Learners from St James Secondary School, with whom our school has a valuable relationship, joined us for a Mathematics and Physical Sciences collaboration, strengthening academic ties and encouraging peer learning. Learners engaged with the STEM in Action team from Nelson Mandela University, where they explored the four Cs underpinning STEAM: creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. One of their activities in the classes and at breaktime was an engaging team-building exercise involving a pen controlled by strings. Learners delved into Robotics by working with

microcontrollers, successfully programming an LED light to blink using Arduino.

The Grade Eights participated in a drone coding workshop, learning about drone regulations and their applications in various industries. Their session culminated in a thrilling coding challenge, where they programmed a virtual drone to fly around a sphinx and captured aerial images. Adding to the experience, the Nelson Mandela University Robotics Department presented an insightful session to both the Grade Eights and Nines, introducing them to careers in Robotics and the annual Robotics League competition.

The annual Mathematics Pi Competition brought out our Einstein greats and the competition was tough!

The Choir brought music to breaktime with their lively and harmonious performance.

The much-anticipated Trash to Art Fashion Show showcased the ability of our classes to turn discarded materials into innovative and stylish designs. The winning classes enjoyed their civvies day prize.

We are grateful to the team of teachers who 'steamed' ahead in organising the many events, offering opportunities to the learners. We are also grateful to the Photography Club for their attendance at the various events to take photographs. Their artistic and talented work added to the 'A' in STEAM.

Collegiate Girls' High School continues to embrace innovation, celebrate intellectual curiosity and inspire the next generation of problem-solvers. The enthusiasm and engagement displayed by learners reaffirms our commitment to our 2025 theme of *'living our values, building our future!'*

**Mrs Z Grobbelaar and Mr McLachlan**





## Collegiate Celebrates the Power of Storytelling During Literary Week

From 22 to 26 April, Collegiate Girls' High School once again demonstrated that literature is not merely an academic subject but an experience that connects generations, inspires creativity and transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary. This year's Literary Week was a vibrant tapestry of workshops, reading, creative expression and community engagement.

The week began with a heartwarming visit by twenty Grade Ten learners to the Grade One classrooms at the Junior School. With books in hand and smiles all around, the older learners read stories to their young 'sisters'. The classrooms were filled with laughter, curiosity and joy as storytelling bridged generations. Both groups left with fond memories, some reluctant to part ways.

Later that afternoon, budding writers gathered in the Resource Centre for a Creative Writing Workshop with Old Girl, Simran Juglal. Now a PhD candidate and published writer, Simran led an engaging session on The Art of Short Story Writing: Ghost Stories. With laughter and insight flowing freely, learners explored the craft of storytelling. Entrants submitted their original ghost stories for Simran to judge, and we congratulate the following learners:

- **Senior Winner:** Rania Yon, *The EP Building Society Trophy for Creative Writing*
- **Junior Winner:** Amaana Desai, *The Townsend Essay Prize for Creative Writing*

Wednesday, coinciding with international World Book Day, brought literary fun to the forefront as Grade Eight and Twelve learners celebrated the highly anticipated Old Pot/ New Pot dress-up event. Characters from much-loved books filled the quad - Willy Wonka, the Lorax, Harry Potter, and many more were brought to life through costume and creativity. Judges awarded prizes for standout efforts, including:

- **Most Creative Interpretation:** Camryn Robinson as

Willy Wonka; Hannah Levey, Caitlin Peters and Morgan de Souza as Umpalumpas

- **Best Dressed Duo:** Madison Hoyle and Mary Scowby as Lord Farquaad and the Gingerbread Man
- **Best Dressed Old Pot:** Erin Wilson as Mr Wormwood
- **Best Dressed New Pot:** Luminathi Mali as Fiona

Breaktime saw a lively impromptu debate in the lower quad, as Dion Duri, Eyam Gobodo, Blessings Mtize and Refloe Kadi tackled the motion: *This house believes that TV has more value for society than books*. Though the debate was short, the arguments were strong. Ultimately, books emerged victorious, proving their enduring importance in our digital world.

One of the most anticipated events of the week, the Readathon, took place on Thursday morning. For two uninterrupted hours, the school fell into a hushed, focused calm as every learner and staff member read a book of their choice. It was a rare moment of shared stillness and literary immersion. This year, the Readathon funds contributed to new benches and much-needed bathroom upgrades, a testament to how reading can build both minds and spaces.

Also on Thursday, the winners of the Board Brag Literacy and Visual Challenge were announced. Societies across the school had risen to the challenge by designing eye-catching displays linking their interests to literature. The CATS society claimed First place, with the Quiz society securing Second.

Later that evening, the quad at the Thuli Madonsela Garden of Reflection was transformed into an open-air stage for the Fugard Festival – a soiree of readings celebrating the life and work of South African playwright Athol Fugard. Organised by Mrs Gerber with the help of colleagues and learners, the event featured powerful dramatic readings from Fugard's plays, novel and collected writings. His stories of broken families, social outsiders, and brave truth-tellers were brought







to life by Mr Batista and Collegiate learners, whose performances captured both the vulnerability and strength of his characters. The evening served as a poignant reminder of Fugard's legacy, revealing how his writing continues to confront injustice and amplify voices too often silenced. As the sun set, the audience was left moved and inspired, hearts open to the patchwork of humanity Fugard so brilliantly portrayed.

Throughout the week, the Resource Centre showcased vibrant book displays, including a clever collection titled "RED any good books lately?", featuring books with predominantly red covers. The displays sparked interest among readers old and new, with many girls eagerly selecting titles in the lead-up to the Readathon.

Another standout initiative was the Art Enrichment Workshop led by Cedric Vanderlinden. His theme, *Every Story Starts with a Panel*, introduced learners to the world of visual storytelling. Through live demonstrations and insightful commentary, Mr Vanderlinden showed how characters are brought to life on the page, inspiring learners to explore storytelling through art and animation.

Meanwhile, the Literary Society's Vintage Book Sale added a cheerful atmosphere to the week. With tables set up in the quad at break, learners eagerly searched for literary

gems. All proceeds were donated to St Augustine's Primary School, continuing Collegiate's tradition of promoting literacy beyond our own campus. Later in the term, the Literary Society extended its outreach by visiting St Augustine's Primary School on 25 June. Learners spent the day reading to the children and sharing in their enthusiasm for stories. It was a heartwarming experience to see learners from different schools connect through books. The visit highlighted the power of reading to bridge communities and cultivate joy and empathy among young minds.

The week closed with two enriching events. During Life Orientation, guest speaker Izak de Vries, writer, publisher and photographer, addressed the Grade Ten learners about the publishing industry. His informative talk covered the evolving nature of publishing, including the role of artificial intelligence and the importance of adaptability and skill development in today's world.

Literary Week 2025 was a celebration of stories in all their forms - read, written, debated and performed. It united the Collegiate community in appreciation of literature's ability to entertain, educate and empower. As the final chapter of the week closed, it left behind a lasting message: that stories, and those who tell them, will always shape the world in which we live.

**Miss L Potgieter**









## COLLEGIATE SPRING SPORTS FESTIVAL POWERED BY OLD MUTUAL

The 2025 Collegiate Spring Sports Festival powered by Old Mutual was a true celebration of school sport, camaraderie and community spirit. A heartfelt thank you to Old Mutual, all participating schools, coaches, officials, parents and supporters for their invaluable contribution to making this Festival a success. Held from 2 to 5 October 2025, this annual event brought together a dynamic mix of tournaments, including U15 Water Polo, T20 Cricket, U15 Tennis, U15 Fast Five Netball, Squash, and Rapid Chess. The Festival created an energetic and exciting atmosphere for both participants and supporters alike, celebrating teamwork, sportsmanship and school spirit.

### U15 Water Polo Tournament

The Water Polo Tournament was a resounding success, featuring 18 competitive teams from across South Africa and Zimbabwe. After a series of intense and high-quality matches, the final standings were as follows:

First Place: Reddam Constantia

Second Place: Kingsmead College

Third Place: Hellenic AC

Our Collegiate U15 team finished 11th, while the Collegiate U14A team achieved a commendable 9th place, both displaying excellent skill and determination throughout the tournament.

A special thank you goes to our title sponsor, Old Mutual, for their invaluable support in making this event possible. Their contribution ensured the tournament was well-organised, memorable and enjoyable for all involved.

### T20 Cricket Tournament

The T20 Cricket Tournament spanned four days and featured teams from Collegiate, Victoria Park, Pearson and Alexander Road. The final day drew a large and enthusiastic crowd as Collegiate faced Victoria Park in the much-anticipated final.

Collegiate delivered a superb performance to claim first place, with Madison Venter being named Player of the Match.

### U15 Tennis Tournament

The U15 Tennis Tournament saw participation from six schools: Kingsmead, Kingswood, Victoria Park, Woodridge, DSG and Collegiate. The matches were competitive and entertaining, showcasing exceptional skill and sportsmanship throughout the three days.

The Collegiate U15 Tennis Team – comprising of Lauren Duckworth, Ava Filmer, Ava Swarbrick and Linathi Bidli performed admirably, displaying consistency and determination.

#### Final results:

First Place: Woodridge

Second Place: DSG 1

Third Place: Victoria Park

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### Rapid Chess Tournament

On 3 October, the Resource Centre was alive with concentration and excitement as players from across Gqeberha gathered for the Rapid Chess Tournament.

Competitors battled it out over five rounds for top honours.

Special congratulations to Collegiate girls, Luné Kritzinger who came second and Jessica Murray who came third.

Both players represented Collegiate with pride and strategic brilliance.

### U15 Fast Five Netball

The Fast Five Netball Tournament, introduced to the Festival for the first time, added a vibrant element to this year's programme. Seven teams from across the province and the Garden Route participated in two action-packed days of competition.

The Power Play feature, accompanied by music and double-point scoring, brought extra excitement and energy to the games.

#### Final results:

First Place: Pearson

Second Place: Sports Revolution

Third Place: Collegiate

### Squash

Squash also made its debut at the Spring Festival this year, featuring individual entries from Collegiate, Framesby, Woodridge and Collegiate Junior.

In a thrilling final, Madison Everts (Collegiate) claimed first place defeating Gabrielle Rowe (Woodridge) in an exciting match that kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

**Mrs C Posthumus**









## COLLEGIATE SPRING SPORTS FESTIVAL POWERED BY OLD MUTUAL







As another year draws to a close, we pause to reflect on the remarkable journey of our Collegiate Old Girl community in 2025. Though the pace may have slowed after the excitement of the school's 150th anniversary, this year has been filled with moments that remind us of the enduring spirit and impact of Collegiate's Old Girls.

This year, we shine a light on the extraordinary Old Girl, Margaret Parkes (née Fraser), who attended Collegiate from 1937 to 1941 and celebrated her 100th birthday on 21 June 2025. Margaret's story is one of unwavering dedication—to education, heritage and service. From her early days in Knysna and Port Elizabeth, through her studies at Rhodes University and Cape Technical College, to her pioneering work training teachers at Healdtown Comprehensive School, Margaret has been a beacon of progress and compassion.



Her legacy extends far beyond the classroom. As chair of the 'Friends of the Knysna Library', founder and first Curator of the Millwood House Museum and co-author of over twenty books on Knysna's history, Margaret has preserved the stories and treasures of her community for generations to come. Her leadership in the church, the Knysna Yacht Club, and the Sea Cadets—who named a vessel in her honour—reflects a life lived in service and celebration of others.

Margaret's contributions have been recognized through several awards, including the Molteno Medal (2000), Simon van der Stel Foundation Certificates (1994, 2012), Rotary's Paul Harris Fellowship (2007), a Knysna High School 'Oscar' (2002) and the inaugural Knysna Awards Lifetime Achievement Award (2013). Her story is a testament to the power of commitment, curiosity and kindness—a true wonder woman whose example inspires us all.

Building on the legacy of Collegiate's 150th celebrations, the class of 1985 presented a magnificent artwork to the school. Karen Bruns (class of 1985) accompanied Professor Thuli Madonsela (Collegiate's 150th Patron) on her trip to the school in 2024. Karen and Rose von Wildemann were instrumental in leading this initiative, ensuring that the spirit of



giving and remembrance continues to greet every visitor to the High School.

Our 2025 Reunion dinner held at Savages Fine Dining in Port Elizabeth, was a heartfelt gathering. Though smaller and more intimate due to new regulations, the warmth and camaraderie were undiminished. We extend our gratitude to Savages and the events team for creating an evening to remember.

In the heart of Sydney, Australia, a group of Collegiate Old Girls gathered for a memorable reunion lunch at the home of Sandy Mace (Formo, 1986). Though small in number, their gathering radiated the same warmth, laughter and sense of belonging that defines the OCGG spirit, proving that the bonds we forge at school transcends borders and time.



Present at the occasion were: Sandy Mace, Gail Cunningham (Gatley, 1974), Bronwyn Greager (Rowe, 1993), Judith Pretorius (Invernizzi, 1988), Kim McEwan (surname kept, 1996) and Alicja Blackburn (Agopsowic, 1988).

To all Old Girls near and far – no matter where life takes you, you carry with you the values, friendships and legacy of Collegiate. Let this Sydney gathering inspire us to reconnect, celebrate our journeys and continue uplifting one another – wherever we are in the world.





## OLD COLLEGIATE GIRLS' GUILD

The Annual OCGG Matric Tea, held on 27 September was another highlight. 2021 Head Girl Aliziwe Qeqe returned to share her journey with this year's Matrics, offering honest reflections on the challenges and triumphs of her first years of study. Her words resonated deeply, reminding us that resilience and authenticity are at the heart of every Collegiate girl's story.

We also celebrate the achievements of our bursary recipients. Amy Botha was awarded the OCGG Bursary and Isabelle Newman was the recipient of the Brock Bursary. Their dedication and promise fill us with pride and hope for the future. We wish both girls everything of the best in their further studies.

As we close another chapter, the Old Girls' Guild stands strong, united by shared memories, a commitment to service and a

passion for empowering the next generation. We look forward to another year of connection, growth and celebration.

**Call to Action:** Now, more than ever, we invite every member of our alumni family to step forward and be part of this vibrant legacy. Whether you contribute your time, share your expertise, mentor a learner, support our initiatives or simply reconnect with old friends, your involvement makes a difference. Together, we can continue to uplift, inspire and shape the future of our beloved Collegiate community.

Let's keep the spirit alive. We encourage Old Girls to get involved and help us write the next inspiring chapter of the OCGG story.

**Chelley Heyneke (née Richards, 1996) OCGG President**











The 113th Carols service was a memorable one as over 2200 people came together. For the first time in many years, we had to face many obstacles. From a rainy rehearsal day being cancelled to examination and logistical challenges, our school overcame these difficulties and still managed to present an amazing Carol service. Collegiate Junior and High Schools showed great support to one another through their administrative and musical contributions.

We welcomed back Reverend Claire Phelps, an Old Girl of Collegiate, who contributed to our programme with meaningful scripture readings and prayers.

Many months of preparation and hard work went into this mammoth event, all in aid of a very worthy cause. Every year, we are reminded about the selfless contribution we make to improve the lives of those in need. We are pleased to donate R90 653.29 to Community Chest. We thank the staff and

learners of both schools for their support, help and management of this event. A concert of this magnitude requires many willing hands on deck.

We extend our sincere gratitude to those who do not sing carols and staff members who devoted their time and energy to a worthy cause during Carol rehearsal times. Thank you for sharing your handmade gifts with the residents of Algoa Bay Council for the Aged. Your selfless dedication has made a real difference in our community.

We are grateful to our Collegiate girls, staff, families and community for their support and kindness.

May the spirit of Christmas fill your heart with joy, your home with love and your life with countless blessings. Wishing you a season of peace and happiness.

**Mrs G Agenbag**







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## LAST WORD

It is a privilege to share our 2025 Collegiate Girls' High School magazine with you.

Every day when I enter the school building, I am grateful to be part of such a wonderful school that is not only committed to excellence in its teaching and day-to-day operations but is also such an aesthetically beautiful place. It is an environment that is inspiring, making it a joy to work here.

2025 has once again been a busy and productive year for the hard-working learners and dedicated staff of Collegiate.

I am truly grateful to co-editor Lynn Van Dyk for her unwavering support and hard work throughout this year. Her valuable input and attention to detail have once again ensured a successful magazine.

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My sincere thanks goes to Lynne Shone who continues to assist with proof reading so meticulously and professionally.

Thank you to Nicky Winchester for her assistance in making sure that all the names on the photographs are correct.

I am grateful to all the teachers and learners who wrote reports and shared their artworks and creative pieces with us.

Our talented Photographic Society, along with Mr Greenway and Mrs Unwin, continue to provide us with wonderful photographs which capture each event so beautifully.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Kody McGregor, our official photographer, who is always so reliable and professional. The Sport Department, especially Euleen Grobbelaar, continues to assist us on School Photograph days and makes sure that these days run like clockwork.

Paul McLachlan deserves a special mention for the many hours he so graciously spends assisting us by downloading and saving photographs.

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We hope that you spend many happy hours paging through the 2025 Collegiate magazine.

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