

Collegiate Girls' High School

150
Years of Excellence
1874 - 2024



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END OF TERM NEWSLETTER – 4 DECEMBER 2024



Dear Collegiate Community

As the sun sets on a most memorable and busy sesquicentennial year, it rises on the Collegiate of tomorrow—ready to educate and grow our learners into strong women of courage and integrity who will stand for what is right in their communities.

This year has been one of extraordinary celebration, uniting the Collegiate community worldwide. The events and milestones of 2024, recorded in the Special Commemorative 150 Collegiate School Magazine, leave a legacy for generations to come. The 150 Jubilee Walkway embodies this legacy, inviting all who walk along its path to be filled with awe for this prestigious institution with heritage status in Gqeberha.

I am deeply grateful to everyone who embraced this year's celebrations with strength of body and vigour of soul. As we close this chapter, now is the time to slow

down, rest, spend time with friends and family, read a book or two and return in the new year refreshed, ready to embark on Collegiate's next decade of excellence.

Wishing all our families a safe and happy holiday season, and to those who celebrate Christmas, may you experience the peace and joy of the Christ-child.

May God bless you and keep you safe until we meet again in the new year.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Erasmus'.

Mrs Louise Erasmus

Principal

A TRIBUTE OF FRIENDSHIP

Grey High School and Grey Junior School presented commemorative gifts to the Collegiate Schools in celebration of our remarkable Sesquicentennial Anniversary.

At a gathering of School Governing Body leaders, Mr Erasmus, Rector of Grey High, delivered an inspiring speech highlighting the enduring bonds between our brother and sister schools.

Collegiate Girls' High School received a striking lamp post at our entrance, adorned with our five values and a replica of the Spirit of the Grey statue. The plaque reads:

"In Celebration of Collegiate's Sesquicentennial Anniversary: May the Spirit of learning, leadership, and community continue to guide and inspire generations to come."

A special thank you to Chantal Davidge from The Grey and Heather Dutton from Collegiate for their invaluable assistance in organising this memorable event.



SHOE DONATIONS

We thank the Class of 2024 for their donations of school shoes on the day that each learner wrote her last examination. It is a powerful symbol of *Facta non Verba* to witness a learner place her pen on the desk for the last time, remove her shoes to place them on her desk and then to walk out of the school shoeless.



Dear Collegiate Girls

On behalf of Love Story we would like to say a very big thank you for your incredible donation of school shoes.

They have been sent to 2 communities and have been received with absolute gratitude.

Thank you so very much!

Kindest regards,
The Love Story Team

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