

"You, Lord, are Worthy to receive Glory, Honour and Power" Revelation 4:11



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Dear 2025 Parents and Guardians

The staff and I extend a warm welcome to each one of you and we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

Kindly note our comments below, which will hopefully answer some of your initial queries:

1. 2024 Matric Results

We have achieved a 100% pass rate for the past 27 years. What an amazing result! 109 distinctions were achieved! There was also a Tertiary level pass of 100%, which comprises a Bachelor's Degree entrance rate of 93.9% (National rate: 47.8%) and a Diploma entrance rate of 6.1%. The Bachelor's pass rate is our best ever. Astonishing! Congratulations to the successful 2024 Matriculants and their devoted teachers and parents.

2. Invitation to Parents' Meeting

Please make every effort to attend our first Parents' Meetings on Saturday 8 February 2025 so that you are wellinformed about all matters pertaining to the schools. If you are unable to attend and would like to send a representative, this request must be sent to us in writing before Thursday 6 February 2025. Mr Moremba (Client Liaison Officer) will contact you if your request has been approved.

Primary School:

10:00 am - 12 noon

Parents' Orientation: 12 noon - 1:00 pm

High School:

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served, and a baby-sitting facility will be available at the Primary School. There will be a tuck-shop and coffee kiosk available, as well.

The office will be open to receive fees, and the uniform shop will also be open for business.

MS Teams

Kindly note that we are moving from Google Classroom to MS Teams this year. Staff and students' training is in process.

Student safety

To keep our students safe, they are not permitted to loiter around Silverton, around transport vehicles or even in unattended areas on the school premises. Compulsory supervised waiting areas are available for students who can study while they wait for transport.

5. Hostel Exeat weekend

All boarders will be released from 2pm – 5pm on Thursday 13 February and should return from 2pm – 5pm on Sunday 16 February. Friday 14 February is a school holiday. We hope that Hostel parents and boarders enjoy this long weekend together after their time apart.

Directors S A Hurlin (Principal) BA BEd HED (PG) R S Hurlin PhD (Eng) FRAeS

6. New High School timetable

High school students received new timetables on Monday 3 February. This was necessary because increased student numbers led to overly large classes in the old timetable.

7. New Staff Members

We welcome new staff members, who have been appointed and will fill expansion posts: Miss C. Fritz (Grade R), Ms L Manganyi (Grade 1), Mr A Lorten (Grade 4), Miss G. Swanepoel (Junior High School English and Afrikaans) and Miss Maunya (Junior High School English and Life Orientation). We also welcome Miss Masoga as a Primary School relief teacher for maternity posts.

8. Extra-murals

These started on Monday 3 February. Please encourage your child to participate in the many exciting opportunities that are available. Please also note that Pebbles After-care Centre runs every afternoon for Primary School children. Afternoon lessons are compulsory for selected students.

9. Traffic safety and consideration

Please use the drive-through facility to avoid congestion and please ensure that your child gets into/out of your car promptly. Please only enter the drive-through at the designated time to collect your child in the afternoon. Please do not occupy a parking bay for longer than absolutely necessary. Kindly drive slowly and carefully around the school and do not park illegally.

Yours in quality education

Mrs 3 Hurlin Principal: High School Mrs Botes
Co-Principal

Mrs H van Helsdingen Principal: Primary School