

# EVERYTHING MATTERS

# 2026



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# ST DUNSTAN'S COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK



Open Day this past weekend brought many people onto the campus who showed interest in sending their children to St Dunstan's College. Our reputation in the academic programme is reinforced by the consistent achievements of our matriculants, with the 2025 results being no exception. That said, we are also known for offering a wide range of activities within our sporting and cultural programmes.

Walking through the campus on Open Day gave me the opportunity to better appreciate the extent of the school's offerings and the world-class facilities with which we are blessed. In the words of two of the Matrics of 2025, taken from their exit surveys in response to the question asking **what the school does really well?**: *"The facilities are looked after, new and innovative buildings are being built, and teachers are always looking for ways to improve. Creativity thrives at the school and recognition of talents is done well."* From a second student: *"The school offers a variety of activities that ensure that no one is left out."*

These comments, along with Open Day itself, got me thinking about our mission statement: *"Forging character through a holistic, co-educational and personalised learning experience grounded in our Anglican tradition; inspiring all to flourish and fulfil their potential as they serve society with integrity."* I do believe that we achieve this to a large extent with most of our students, but there is always room for improvement. Not all students engage fully with the opportunities at hand. If EVERY STUDENT MATTERS, and EVERY OPPORTUNITY MATTERS, then how can we improve student engagement so that they truly flourish and reach their personal potential? Understanding the complexities of student choices is no small matter. Having world-class facilities and passionate coaches and teachers helps many to continue in their pursuits to a prominent level of achievement within a particular activity. That said, it is often a student's own sense of well-being that keeps them motivated and involved. We all know intuitively that nothing of true value comes without effort and some sacrifice. Pelé said, *"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."* So how do we ensure a sense of well-being and passion within our students for the activities they are doing?

Here are three ideas. Firstly, ensure that they are not stuck doing things only because they have done them before and are reluctant to move out of their comfort zone. As T.S. Eliot said, *"Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."* Secondly, make sure that they are not reluctant to try something new because they fear failure. Only those who are willing to take risks, and who fail along the way, will understand true success. EVERY ATTEMPT MATTERS. Michael Jordan said, *"I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."* Finally, being present and encouraging small gains in achievement will help any individual continue to grow towards fulfilling their potential. Never compare them with others but always encourage small individual gains from earlier attempts. EVERY SMALL IMPROVEMENT MATTERS.

*Warwick Taylor*

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**OPEN DAY**



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# AWARDS ASSEMBLY

**Grade 9 (Grade 8 in 2025) – Academic Excellence**



Diditlfe Mopaka, Victoria Malanda, Gerhard Nel, Gareth Jonas, Victoria Jackson, Kharysile Ndebele, Kwande Kolisi

**Grade 10 (Grade 9 in 2025) – Academic Excellence**



Theto Nkoana, Alessio Marcon, Caitlyn Chicken, Mason Meyer, Ulah Mandoyi, Yaadavi Bedassi

**Grade 11 (Grade 10 in 2025) – Half Colours**



Keila Sheppard, Trent Williams, Webster Mupeti, Ronin Yeo, Azande Ndzube, Ncebakazi Nkosi, Deborah Ighogese, Nathan Markham, Letlotlo Radikariki, Gemma Rigele, Vhuthuhawe Lalamani, Zwoluga Sibanda, Aphiwe Cele, Miguel Ungerer (NOTE: \*not captioned in order)

**Cultural – Captains**



Nicole Roberts, Nathan Markham, Sinotando Nkurjuna, Muhluri Nkwamba, Trent Williams, Sibahle Dhlamini, Vhughuhawe Lamani, Gina-Amore Makofane, Ronin Yeo, Kayla Tyson, Nikalina Rossides, Saisha Govender, Daniella Wridgway, Andrew Keet, Miguel Ungerer, Krysten Wardill (NOTE: \*not captioned in order)

**Grade 12 (Grade 11 in 2025) – Achievements**



Honours – Siphokazi Mhlanga



Full Colours – Kyle Vice  
Half Colours – Shaili Sewsunker

**Basketball – Awards**



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# **ATHLETICS "UNDER LIGHTS"**



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# SPORTS: RESULTS

## CRICKET

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team 50 Over vs Hoërskool Montana

SDC won the toss and elected to bat  
SDC: 217 all out

Jethro Hardy: 57 runs off 88 balls

Hoërskool Montana: 219 for 5 after 35 overs

James Giles: 1 wicket for 32 runs in 8 overs

SDC lost by 5 wickets

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team vs Hoërskool Dinamika

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl

Hoërskool Dinamika: 126 all out after 23 overs

Liam Meiring: 5 wickets for 35 runs in 8 overs

SDC: 63 all out after 19 overs

Liam Meiring: 21 runs off 25 balls

SDC lost by 63 runs

### U15 Team vs Hoërskool Montana

SDC won the toss and elected to bowl

Hoërskool Montana: 302 all out after 48 overs

Mitchell Roach: 3 wickets for 50 runs in 10 overs

SDC: 177 for 9 after 50 overs

Tatum White: 91 runs off 110 balls

SDC lost by 125 runs

## BASKETBALL

### Boys Team vs CURRO Parkdene

U14: won 20 - 0

U16: won 50 - 0

### SDC Boys' Basketball Challenge

1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Pinnacle College: won 30 - 27

1<sup>st</sup> Team vs Helpmekaar College: won 38 - 25

### Girls Team vs Helpmekaar Kollege

U14: lost 18 - 9

U14B: lost 14 - 9

U16: lost 35 - 10

1<sup>st</sup> Team: won 22 - 21

### U14 Girls Team

vs Broadacres Academy: won 20 - 0 (forfeit)

vs Crawford Sandton: won 20 - 0 (forfeit)

vs Pecanwood College: won 20 - 8

### Girls 1<sup>st</sup> Team

vs Pinnacle Kyalami: won 65 - 1

vs Crawford Ruimsig: won 80 - 2

## SQUASH

### Girls Team

vs Kingsmead College: lost 11 - 4

vs Greenside High: won 3 - 1

## TENNIS

### Boys

B Team vs St Benedict's College: rained out

A Team vs St John's College: won 5 - 2

Best Doubles Festival:

A Team: 7<sup>th</sup> place overall

B Team: 7<sup>th</sup> place overall

### Girls

A and B Team vs St Andrew's School for Girls: postponed due to lightning.

## SWIMMING

### Co-Ed Gauteng Gala results as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Northcliff High School A: 494

2<sup>nd</sup> St Peter's College A: 403

3<sup>rd</sup> Northcliff High School B: 366

4<sup>th</sup> St Dunstan's College: 343

5<sup>th</sup> Edenvale High School A: 240

6<sup>th</sup> St Peter's College B: 209

7<sup>th</sup> Marists Brothers Linmeyer: 189

8<sup>th</sup> Edenvale High School B: 117



# GAUTENG SCHOOLS' SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS



Daniel Bulhakov and Damon Heide participated with results as follows:

Daniel Bulhakov: 1<sup>st</sup> 100m

Freestyle, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m

Breaststroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> 200m

Individual Medley.

Damon Heide: 2<sup>nd</sup> 50m

Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Butterfly

and 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Butterfly.

# SWIMMING: EGA LAST CHANCE GALA



**VICTORIA BULHAKOVA**

1<sup>st</sup> 200m Backstroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> 50m Backstroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breaststroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> 200m Breaststroke  
3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Individual Medley



**RILEY HAUPT**

1<sup>st</sup> 100m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly  
1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> 100m Butterfly  
2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle



**FEZILE LUHABE**

2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle  
3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Freestyle  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mixed 400m Freestyle  
3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle



**JESSICA WOOD**

3<sup>rd</sup> 400m Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> 200m Freestyle  
1<sup>st</sup> 200m Backstroke



**KADE HODGKINSON**

3<sup>rd</sup> 200m Backstroke



**TRENT WILLIAMS**

3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle



**PHILLIPA WILLIAMS**

2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Backstroke



**GABRIELLA GONÇALVES**

3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke



**DANIEL BULHAKOV**

1<sup>st</sup> 50m Butterfly  
1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle



**AMY-LEE JONES**

1<sup>st</sup> 50m Backstroke  
1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle



**DANIEL MIDDLEWICK**

1<sup>st</sup> 50m Breaststroke  
2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Breaststroke



**DAMON HEIDE**

1<sup>st</sup> 100m Butterfly  
2<sup>nd</sup> 400m Freestyle

# **ROWING – HOLY ROSARY JUNIOR REGATTA**

JM 14A Single: Silver – Blake Fick  
JM 14A Single: Bronze – Luca Medurić  
JM 14A Double: Gold – Blake Fick and Luca Medurić  
JM 15A Double: Bronze – Cayden Devereux and Blake Lynch  
JW 15B Single: Bronze – Sarah Kidson  
JW 15B Double: Gold – Sarah Kidson and Tshildzi Mudau



## ARBOR EXPO



## RYNFIELD PRIMARY TALK FOR GRADE 7s



Chelsea van Dyk, Didintle Mopaka and Tatum White spoke to the Grade 7s at Rynfield Primary about their experiences at St Dunstan's College.

## GRADE 9 BIOLOGY



THURSDAY: 19 FEBRUARY 2026  
EBOTSE-KATSE ROOM  
PAYMENT VIA KIRRI APP (QR CODE PROVIDED) - PAYMENT DUE 09:07 FEBRUARY PLEASE  
@18:00 | R495 PP - LIGHT DINNER AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED  
FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: [KISVP:-WHITELAW@STDUNSTANS.CO.ZA](mailto:KISVP:-WHITELAW@STDUNSTANS.CO.ZA)



### Paint & Sip Night

## SUPPORTER/ALUMNI JERSEY



OPTION A

OPTION B

COST: APPROX R1200



### PLEASE VOTE