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# Foreword

What a privilege to have been at the helm of this great school in its 150th year. The excitement of our reaching a milestone so significant was fuelled with fantastic stories shared of bygone eras and of epic memories of the people who have gone before and built up our school.

We enjoyed a year of plenty in 2022 with tremendous academic and sporting results throughout, with boys giving of their best and embracing the fullness of their experience here at school.

The building and completion of the Chamberlain Music Centre, along with its auspicious opening where the KZN Philharmonic Orchestra baptized it in beautiful orchestral sounds, remains a most significant 150th legacy project.

I hope that you will encounter the great spirit of this place in the stories and records contained in this edition of *The Hiltonian*. I hope you will concur with me that Hilton is thriving, it continues to be a most extraordinary place for young men to grow into the gentlemen of tomorrow.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement as a friend, Old Hiltonian, parent, boy of Hilton.

Sincerely,

**George Harris**  
*Headmaster*





# Board of Governors of the Hiltonian Society 2022

Andrew Johnston  
Chairperson, Board of Governors  
*Appointed April 2022*

Alistair Franklin SC  
Thabo Seopa  
Deputy Chairperson, Board of Governors  
*Resigned June 2022*

Chris Tod  
Jonathan Clark  
Chairperson, Finance Committee  
*Resigned November 2022*

Bruce Falcon  
Doug Gain  
Tim Gibson  
Chairperson, Estate Committee; *Resigned September 2022*

Guy Hancock  
Chairperson, Buildings and Services Committee

Carl Jankowitz  
Sizo Jali  
Anton Jooste  
Chairperson, Advancement Committee; Ex-officio, Chairperson, Old Hiltonian Club  
*Appointed September 2022*

Mzamo Khuzwayo  
Belinda Mapongwana  
Fundiswa Sithebe  
Chairperson, Remuneration Committee  
*Appointed September 2022*

Susan Tasker  
Dale ten Hope  
Chairperson, Community Projects Committee  
*Resigned June 2022*

Dale Tomlinson  
David Wingfield  
Chairperson, Remuneration Committee  
*Appointed June 2022*

*Attending Executives*

George Harris  
Brett South  
Headmaster  
Company Secretary

**BUILDINGS AND SERVICES**

Guy Hancock  
Chairperson

Andrew Johnston  
Chairperson, Board of Governors  
*Appointed April 2022*

Alistair Franklin SC  
*Resigned June 2022*

George Harris  
Brett South  
Kim Martin  
Sean Lindsay  
Neels Grobler  
Headmaster  
Company Secretary  
Director of Finance  
Facilities and Estate Manager  
Broll Facilities Management Representative (*by invitation*)  
Spectrum Services Representative (*by invitation*)

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Dale ten Hope  
Andrew Johnston  
Chairperson  
Ex-officio, Chairperson, Board of Governors; *Appointed April 2022*  
*Resigned June 2022*

Alistair Franklin SC  
Anne Chamberlain  
George Harris  
Anton Jooste  
Bheki Kunene  
Sean McGuigan  
Phila Mnyandu  
Noel Robert  
Elaine Smallbones  
Lloyd Smuts  
Brett South  
Sue Southwood  
Rekesh Somchand  
Peter Storrar  
Teresa Whitfield  
Donor Representative  
Headmaster  
Board representative  
Chaplain  
Director of Vula Programme  
*Resigned March 2022*  
Management Accountant  
Director of Advancement

## ADVANCEMENT

Anton Jooste  
Alistair Franklin SC  
Brett Armstrong  
Chairperson  
*Resigned June 2022*  
Representative, Old Hiltonian Club  
Headmaster  
Director of Advancement  
Marketing Manager  
Enrolment Partner  
Director of Sport (*by invitation*)  
Director of Finance (*by invitation*)

*We do our very best to ensure the accuracy of the magazine and it goes through many checks. However, we are human and error occasionally creeps in. Please let us know if you pick something up, in which case we can mention it in the next edition.*

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REMUNERATION

Fundiswa Sithebe	Chairperson
Jonathan Clark	Chairperson of Finance
Alistair Franklin SC	<i>Resigned June 2022</i>
Arlene Brown	Independent ( <i>by invitation</i> )
Laurence Grubb	Independent ( <i>by invitation</i> )
George Harris	Headmaster ( <i>by invitation</i> )
Kim Martin	Director of Finance

ESTATE

Tim Gibson	<i>Resigned September 2022</i>
Mzamo Khuzwayo	Chairperson
	<i>Appointed September 2022</i>
Alistair Franklin SC	<i>Resigned June 2022</i>
John Patrick Eustace	
George Harris	Headmaster
Sean Lindsay	Facilities and Estate Committee
Iain McMillan	Exec Dir, Gwens Stream Estates
Murray Moxham	
Justin Platt	
Brett South	Company Secretary
Rowan Welsford	Estate General Manager

FINANCE

Jonathan Clark	Chairperson
Alistair Franklin SC	<i>Resigned June 2022</i>
Thabo Seopa	Governor
James Pinnell	Independent
George Harris	Headmaster
Brett South	Company Secretary
Kim Martin	Director of Finance

FLEUR-DE-LYS CLUB

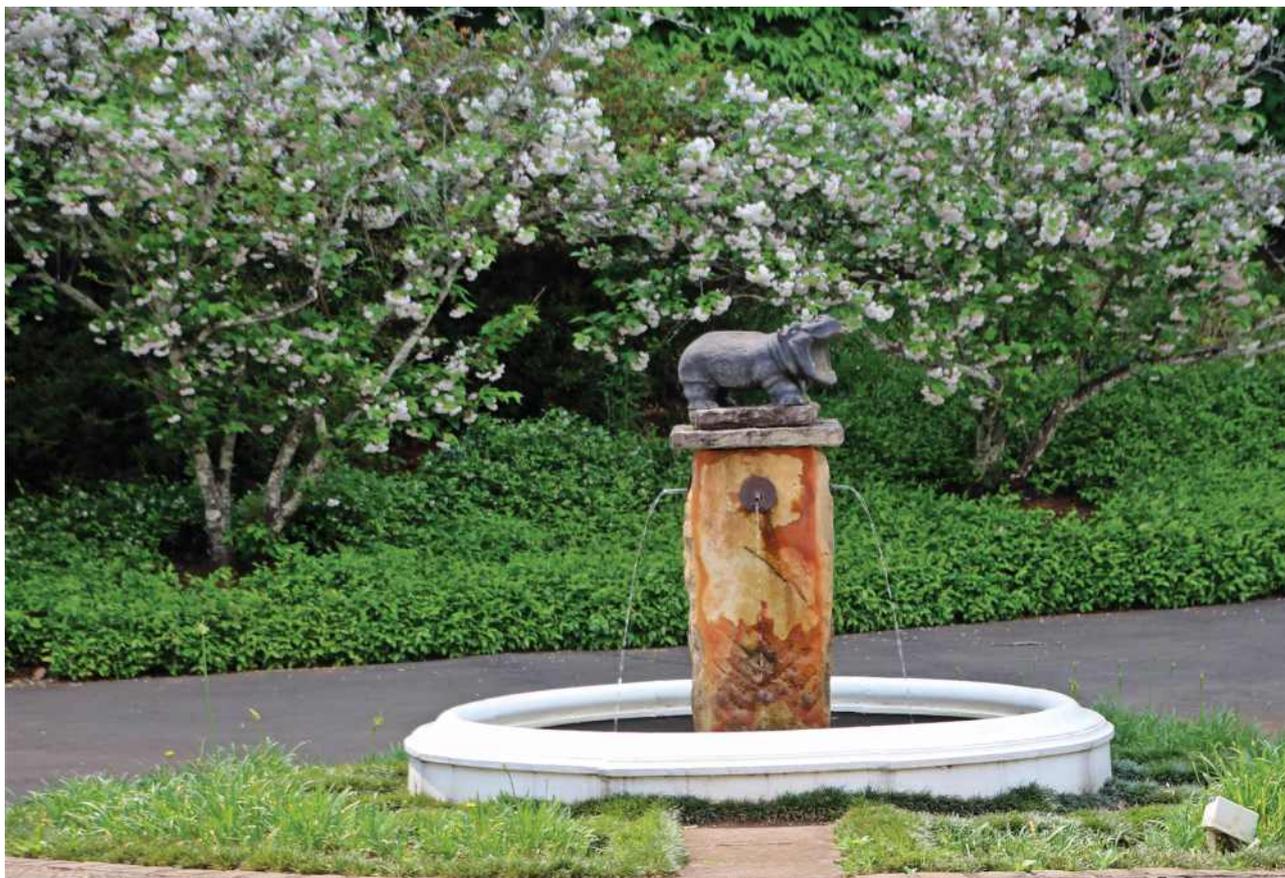
Derek Chaplin	Chairperson
Ralph Tiaden	Club Secretary
Andrew Beveridge	Club Accountant
Dean Harding	Treasurer
Brett Armstrong	Old Hiltonian Nominee
Roger Don-Wauchope	Board Nominee
George Harris	Headmaster (ex-officio)
Robby de Gouveia	Finance Department
Kim Martin	Director of Finance
Dr Roy Mottram	Board Nominee
Amanda Pistorius	Alumni Relations Manager
Peter Storrer	Director of Advancement
Paul Venter	Staff Nominee

HILTON COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FOUNDATION

Guy Hayward	Chairperson, Independent Trustee
Yann LeClezio	Board Nominated Trustee
Thabo Seopa	Board Nominated Trustee
Chris Tod	Board Nominated Trustee
Sean Segar	Independent Trustee
Robert Taylor	Independent Trustee
Derek Chaplin	Independent Trustee
Iain McMillan	Secretary

NOMINATIONS

Alistair Franklin	<i>Resigned June 2022</i>
Chris Tod	<i>Resigned November 2022</i>
Andrew Johnston	<i>Appointed April 2022</i>
Thabo Seopa	





### ACADEMIC STAFF

**Row 7:** Graeme Evans, Brad Anderson, Graeme Roberts, Andrew Duncan, Michael Werth, James Bullough, Nick Holtzhauzen, Brett Udal  
 Row 6: Ernie Steenkamp, William Donkin, Mike Green, Burger Nel, Jaco van Dyk, Chaplain Sean McGuigan, Cameron Frazer, David Orr, Tienie van Wyk, Mike Mill, Joshua Holdt, James Robey

**Row 5:** Neliswa Mthethwa, Charles Ngobeni, Chris Kingsely, Vuyi Gwala, Jeremy Pieter, James Wulfsohn, Vishaal Singh, Lionel Julius, Jenine Warren

**Row 4:** Charmaine Padayachee, Sanele Bhungane, Wilbert Tengo, Leana Steenkamp, Craig Wilkinson, Orateng Motsoe, Lara Rogers, Mologadi Mashitsho, Liezl Scholtz, Sipho Moniwa,  
 Kuthula Ntshontsho, James Webb

**Row 3:** Tarryn Daly, Claudia Plunkett, Noel Roberts, Tanya Hurley, Carl Schmidt, Angela Salamon, Carolyn van Zuydam, Richard Barrett, Declan Kimfley, Lesego Mokoza, Lara Wulfsohn, Mandy Durrnford

**Row 2:** Palesa Sera, Stelo Zulu, Margie Mackechnie, Yongama Tsipa, Msizi Mchunui, Thembele Zuma, Karen Koopman, Francois Morgan, Thulani Mhlongo, Charissa Steenkamp, Kwanda Sibiya,  
 Pamela Neethling, Simone van Niekerk

**Row 1:** Chris Carey, Ashleigh Askew, Janna de Gouveia, De Wet Wentzel, Debbie Veenstra, Tony Shuttleworth, George Harris, Kgomotso Motlogeloa, Bruce MacLachlan, Hanie Dry, Alexei du Bois,  
 Paul Venter, Darryn Gallagher



# Hilton College Staff

## at January 2022

\* denotes Head of Department; ^ denotes part time

### Headmaster's office

George Harris BA (Pretoria) BA Hons (Wits)  
Sally Moon Comp TIA N+, A+

### Executive

Ashleigh Askew Deputy Director of Academics  
Alexei du Bois Director of International Learning  
Janna de Gouveia Educational Psychologist  
Hanlie Dry Director of Academics  
Darryn Gallagher Director of Sport  
Sean Lindsay Facilities and Estate Manager  
David Look Director of School Discipline  
Kim Martin Director of Finance  
Sean McGuigan Chaplain  
Kgomotso Motlogeloa Deputy Headmaster  
Tony Shuttleworth Second Master  
Peter Storrar Director of Advancement  
Paul Venter Director of Belonging

### Academic

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Hanlie Dry BA Ed (UFS) BBA SBS  
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Ant Durnford BA, HDE (Natal)  
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Graeme Evans BSc Hons (Bristol), PGCE (B'ham)  
Cameron Fraser BEd (Unisa)  
Richard Garrett BSc Maths (Wits), BSc Comput Appl Math (Wits), PGCE (Unisa)  
Mike Green\* BSc (Eng), HDE (UCT)  
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Tania Hurley BSocSc (UKZN), HDE (UP)  
Karen Koopman\* BSc Hons (Natal), PGCE (Unisa)  
David Look BSocSc (UKZN), PGCE (UKZN) BEd Hons (Unisa)  
Margie Mackechnie BSc Hons ActSc (FASSA), PGCE (Wits), PG Dip Fin Plan (UFS)  
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Tracey Mackenzie\* BSc, HDE (Natal)  
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Lesego Mokoka BEd Maths  
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Chevonne van Wyk PA to deputy headmasters  
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James Webb\* BCom (Stell), PGCE (Unisa)  
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Mike Werth BSc (UPE), BEd (Unisa), HDE (UCT) PDE  
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BA Psych BEd Hons Ed Psych  
MEd Ed Psych PhD Ed Psych (UP)  
Michael Pitchford Clinical Psychologist  
BSocSc Hons (UKZN) MA (UKZN)  
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Dip Nursing



### ADMINISTRATION STAFF

- Row 5:** Luke Holder, Jabulani Kunene, Brayden Wynn, Herbert Mncwabe, Dwayne Clayton, Bheki Kunene, Maralyn Atkins  
**Row 4:** Denise Venter, Margie South, Chevonne van Wyk, Sarah Bien, Charlotte Cliff, Kamini Sindraj, Lindeni Phungula, Angelique Arde  
**Row 3:** Wendy Allen, Inga Rautenbach, Precious Mwelase, Kathy Acutt, Lauren Richmond, Caroline Howard, Priscilla Tenga, Nonhlanhla Majola, Yvette McDonald  
**Row 2:** Christine Barker, Bongsi Mthlane, Vuyi Gwala, Zanele Ngubane, Adele Wentzel, Diane Pillay, Chantel Ngubane, Rosemary Mwelase, Doris Ngcobo, Sheryl Govender  
**Row 1:** Brett Armstrong, Rekesh Somchand, Peter Storrar, Brett South, George Harris, Kim Martin, Sally Moon, Gary Holder, Robby de Gouveia



### SPORTS DEPARTMENT

- Row 3:** James Robey, Ernie Steenkamp, Jason Sileno, Warren Kirsten, Ayanda Shange, Jason Wulfsohn, Charles Ncobeni  
**Row 2:** Celo Mbanjwa, Andrew Duncan, Damian Kimfley, Carl Schmidt, D Benkenstein, Nash Khumalo, De Wet Wentzel, James Webb, Brad Macleod-Henderson, Mhlengi Shezi  
**Front Row:** Devon van Der Merwe, Kwanda Sibiya, Greg Miller, Darryn Gallagher, Matthew Fairweather, Msizi Mchunu, Mike Green

**Houses**

Devon van der Merwe	<i>Churchill Housemaster</i>
Burger Nel	<i>Ellis Housemaster</i>
Kwanda Sibiyi	<i>Falcon Housemaster</i>
Msizi Mchunu	<i>Lucas Housemaster</i>
Lionel Julius	<i>McKenzie Housemaster</i>
Chris Carey	<i>Newnham Housemaster</i>
James Bullough	<i>Pearce Housemaster</i>
Nomfundo Nzimande	<i>Churchill House Manager</i>
Mbali Shelembe	<i>Churchill Housekeeper</i>
Keshni Peters	<i>Ellis House Manager</i>
Bongi Mthlane	<i>Ellis Housekeeper</i>
Vanessa Wedderburn	<i>Falcon House Manager</i>
Mandy Nene	<i>Falcon Housekeeper</i>
Inga Rautenbach	<i>Lucas House Manager</i>
Rosemary Mwelase	<i>Lucas Housekeeper</i>
Rosey Kalipersad	<i>McKenzie House Manager</i>
Matholi Mthlane	<i>McKenzie Housekeeper</i>
Sarah Bien	<i>Newnham House Manager</i>
Doris Ngcobo	<i>Newnham Housekeeper</i>
Nonhlanhla Majola	<i>Pearce House Manager</i>
Precious Mwelase	<i>Pearce Housekeeper</i>
Sarah Bien	<i>Newnham House Manager</i>
Doris Ngcobo	<i>Newnham Housekeeper</i>

**Secretariat**

Brett South	<i>BCom (Rhodes) MSc Education Leadership (Leicester) FCMA CGMA</i>
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**Administration**

Kim Martin	<i>Director of Finance BCom (UKZN) BComp Hons (Unisa) CA (SA)</i>
Christine Barker	<i>PA to Director of Finance</i>
Rekesh Somchand	<i>Society Accountant BCompt (Unisa) AGA (SA)</i>
Dwayne Clayton	<i>Debtors Controller Dip Bkp Dip Proj Man (Varsity Coll)</i>
Charlotte Cliff	<i>Payroll Administrator</i>

Kamini Sindraj	<i>Accounts Controller</i>
Diane Pillay	<i>Cash &amp; Bank Administrator Bkp to T/B, Bus Lit and Pastel Acc V12 (Varsity College)</i>
Sheryl Govender	<i>Creditors Controller</i>
Margie South	<i>Specialist Bookkeeper BCom (Natal)</i>
Robby de Gouveia	<i>Accountant BCom (UP)</i>
Lindeni Phungula	<i>Collections BCom Hons (UKZN)</i>
Priscilla Tenga	<i>Debtors Controller BCom Acc (Fort Hare), PG internal auditing (Unisa)</i>

**Advancement**

Peter Storrar	<i>Director BBusSc (UCT)</i>
Kirsty Foster	<i>Enrolment Partner BCom (UKZN)</i>
Trish Davidson	<i>Enrolment Administrator</i>
Amanda Pistorius	<i>Manager Alumni Relations BA Hons (NWU) BCom (NWU) 150th Coordinator</i>
Brett Armstrong	<i>Marketing Manager</i>
Maralyn Atkins	<i>Communications Manager</i>
Angelique Ardé	<i>Dipl Journ (Natal Technikon)</i>
Vuyi Gwala	<i>Receptionist</i>

**Bookroom**

Dwayne Clayton	<i>Manager</i>
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**Farm/Estate**

Rowan Welsford	<i>Estate General Manager B Agric Man (UKZN) BCom (Unisa)</i>
Constance Ngubane	<i>Estate Clerk</i>
Nhlanhla Shelembe	<i>Conservation Assistant</i>
Thandeka Lipheyana	<i>Estate Administrator BTech (DUT) PGCE (UKZN)</i>

**HOUSE MASTERS**

**Back Row:** Msizi Mchunu, Burger Nel, Kwanda Sibiyi, Devon van der Merwe  
**Front Row:** Lionel Julius, Chris Carey, George Harris, James Bullough

**Fleur-de-Lys Club**

Ralph Tiaden *Manager*  
 Andrew Beveridge *Club Accountant*  
*BA Hons (Natal), Dip Fin Acc*  
*(Varsity College)*

**Gwens Stream Estates**

Iain McMillan *Executive Director*  
*BA Hons HDE (Natal)*  
 Denise Venter *Operations Manager*  
*BSocSc (Natal)*

**Interns**

Sanele Bhungane *Loryn Davies*  
 Josh Holdt *Coco Mamabolo*  
 Mologadi Mashitisho *Neliswa Mthethwa*  
 Lara Rogers *Palesa Sera*  
 Vishaal Singh *Yongama Tsipa*  
 S'celo Zulu

**IT Department**

Gary Holder *Director of IT*  
*High Dipl Ed (Edgewood), ICDL*  
 Ian McFarlane *Technical Manager*  
*A+, N+, IT Systems App*  
 Allan Fryer *IT Technician (Academic)*  
*IT Skills Teacher*  
*CompTIA A+*  
 Sbonelo Hlope *IT/Network Technician*  
*(Technical)*  
*A+, N+, CISCO CCNA*  
 Brayden Wynn *IT/Laptop Technician A+*

**Library**

Mandy Durnford\* *Head Librarian*  
*BA HDLS (Natal)*  
 Moira Gundu *Librarian*  
*M. Bibl (Fort Hare), PGCE*  
*(Unisa)*

**Museum/Archives**

Bruce MacLachlan\* *Heritage Curator*  
*BCom HDE (Natal) MIITPSA*

**Music**

David Orr\* *M Mus (Rhodes), RULS, RULM,*  
*LRSM*  
 Brett Udal\* *BMus (UP) HDE (Unisa)*  
 Bheki Kunene *Music Administrator*

**Assistant Music Teachers**

Ronel Perks *(Classical voice/Cello)*  
 Jenny du Plessis *(Clarinet/Saxophone)*  
 Joshua Boudan *(Flute/Saxophone)*  
 Lendle Lewis *(Drumkit)*  
 Chris Smith *(Guitar)*  
 Curt Lawrence *(Bass guitar/Keyboards)*  
 Ilse Myburgh *(Piano)*  
 David Solomon *(Trombone/Trumpet)*

**Printer**

Atin Sindraj *Print Manager*  
 Ameela Dhani *Assistant to Printer*

**Sanatorium**

Yvette McDonald *R/N, R/M, CHN, Dip Occ Health*  
*BTech Nurse*  
 Bianca Smith *R/N, R/M, CHN*  
 Wendy Allen *Dip Nursing Sc (Community,*  
*Psychiatry) and Midwifery,*  
*BA Psych Counselling,*  
*Hons BSc Psych*  
 Lauren Richmond *R/N, R/M (Greys) OHNP (DUT)*  
*Advanced wound care (UFS)*  
**School Doctor**  
 Dr Dale Thomas *MB Chb (Stell) DA (SA)*

**INTERNS**

**Back Row:** Mologadi Mashitisho, Coco Mamabolo, Lara Rogers, Vishaal Singh, Neliswa Mthethwa, S'celo Zulu  
**Front Row:** Palesa Sera, Sanele Bhungane, Noel Robert, George Harris, Yongama Tsipa, Joshua Holdt

## Sport

Darryn Gallagher	<i>Executive Director: Sport</i>
Matt Fairweather	<i>Sports Administrator</i>
Andrea Ridderhof	<i>Sport Secretary</i>
Burger Nel	<i>Video Analyst</i>
Carl Schmidt	<i>Sport Scientist</i>
Mel Carey	<i>Biokineticist</i>
Nick Pereira	<i>Physiotherapist</i>
Jason Wulfsohn	<i>Sports conditioning specialist</i>
Chris Carey	<i>Sports conditioning specialist</i>
De Wet Wentzel	<i>Head of Athletics</i>
Ayanda Shange	<i>Director of Basketball</i>
James Robey	<i>Head of Canoeing</i>
Warren Kirsten	<i>Director of Cricket</i>
Dale Benkenstein	<i>1st XI Cricket Coach</i>
Graeme Evans	<i>Head of Golf</i>
Devon van der Merwe	<i>Director of Hockey</i>
Damian Kimfley	<i>1st XI Hockey Coach</i>
Greg Miller	<i>Director of Rugby</i>
Brad Macleod-Henderson	<i>1st XV Rugby Coach</i>
Ernie Steenkamp	<i>Head of Rowing</i>
Charles Ncobeni	<i>Head of Shooting</i>
Celo Mbanjwa	<i>Director of Soccer</i>
Mhlengi Shezi	<i>1st XI Soccer Coach</i>
James Webb	<i>Head of Tennis</i>
Andrew Duncan	<i>Director of Water polo</i>
Jason Sileno	<i>1st Team Water polo Coach</i>

## Stock Exchange

Caroline Howard	<i>Manager</i>
Thandeka Ndlela	<i>Assistant</i>
Chantal Ngubane	<i>Assistant</i>

## Technicians (Life & Physical Science)

Charlene Ragubeer	<i>Senior Lab Technician</i> <i>BSc Biol Sc Hons and Masters</i> <i>(UKZN)</i>
Jabulani Kunene	<i>Assistant Lab Technician</i>
Zanele Ngubane	<i>Assistant Lab Technician</i>

## Theatre

Luke Holder	<i>BA Drama and Linguistics BEd</i> <i>(UKZN) LTCL piano, ATCL organ</i> <i>(Trinity College of Music,</i> <i>London)</i>
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## Vula Programme

Lloyd Smuts	<i>Director</i> <i>BA Hons HDE (UPE)</i> <i>Science Project Co-ord.</i> <i>BSc Hons UED (Natal)</i> <i>Maths Project Co-ord.</i> <i>BSc (Natal) HDE</i> <i>Vula Facilitator</i> <i>ACE (Pretoria), Dip Ed (RAU)</i> <i>Vula Administrator</i>
Michael Bennett	
Sue Southwood	
Elaine Smallbones	
Bheki Kunene	

## Contractors

Catering	<i>Bidvest – Ugashnie Moodley</i> <i>(Executive Chef)</i>
Cleaning, Grounds, Laundry Maintenance	<i>Spectrum Services –</i> <i>Marina Miller (Site Manager)</i> <i>Broll Facilities Management</i> <i>Basil Kundalram (Site Manager)</i> <i>Red Alert</i> <i>David Hunter (Site Manager)</i>
Security:	<i>Metro Taxis, Kalamazoo,</i> <i>Kenyona Group</i>
Transport:	

## Activities/responsibilities

### Other than Games and Societies

Academic Extension	<i>Alexei du Bois</i>
Art Gallery	<i>Angela Salamon</i>
Art Technician	<i>Herbert Mncwabe</i>
English Advanced Programme	<i>Pamela Neethling</i>
English Olympiad Training	<i>Pamela Neethling</i>
Environmental Education and Estate Activities	<i>Mike Mill</i>
Exchange Programme	<i>Brad Anderson</i>
Festival Director	<i>Sue Clarence</i>
Inter-house Quiz	<i>Tarryn Daly and</i> <i>Coco Mamabolo</i>
Maths Advanced Programme	<i>Charmaine Padayachee &amp;</i> <i>Graeme Evans</i>
Maths Olympiad Training	<i>Charmaine Padayachee &amp;</i> <i>Graeme Evans</i> <i>Carolyn van Zuydam</i>
Matric Dance	<i>Teresa Whitfield</i>
Outdoor Leadership Experience	<i>Karen Koopman</i>
Outreach	<i>Pamela Neethling</i>
Pinnacles	<i>Tony Shuttleworth</i>
Socials	

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# Hilton Benefactors

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# The Evolution of the Hilton College Endowment Fund

For 150 years, generations of Hiltonians have selflessly contributed to building a legacy. Without this legacy of benefaction, our school would not be what it is today.

As custodians of this legacy, it's our responsibility to continue building our great school for current and future generations. The need to preserve and enhance centres of excellence such as Hilton College is perhaps more important than ever.

Like leading schools the world over, Hilton relies on endowment funding to thrive. We're also a not-for-profit organisation, which does not generate any significant financial surplus.

Furthermore, education inflation is typically higher than normal inflation and providing a high quality education is costly.

Endowment funding helps to subsidise the school's expenses and fund the fees of learners who can't afford a Hilton College education. This is especially important given our imperative to be a school that is truly representative. Endowment funding also helps to pay for the improvement of facilities as well as community outreach projects.

For 62 years, from its inception in 1958, the Hilton College Endowment Foundation, the custodian of the school's endowments, acted as a general-purpose fund. In 2020, we launched four separate funds to cater for stakeholders with differing interests.

Some people prefer to support a human-capital-focused

endowment, others a building-infrastructure endowment, while others may choose to support environmental or social causes. However, it goes without saying that Hilton will gratefully accept endowments that don't specifically fit any of these categories.

We also established the 1872 Society – with exclusive membership for benefactors who have contributed substantially to Hilton College. Admission to the prestigious group is by invitation of the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Hiltonian Society NPC.

There are a number of ways you can contribute to Hilton's endowment, from regular or once-off donations to bequests in your will. Supporting the highly successful Cattle Project is another way of giving.

All contributions to the four funds are managed by the Hilton College Endowment Foundation – a trust managed by seven trustees, four of whom are independent of the Hilton College Board of Governors. The portfolio is conservatively invested in terms of its equity exposure and has about 67% of total funds invested in offshore assets including rand-hedge shares.

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## The four funds in need of endowment are:



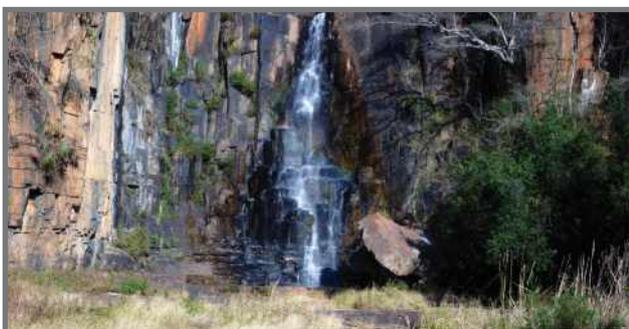
### **The Lift Up Your Hearts Fund – a Human Capital/ Bursary/Scholarship Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide financial assistance to boys from families who don't have the means to send their sons to Hilton.



### **The Pinnacles Fund – an Infrastructure Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for the ongoing maintenance of the Hilton campus and to fund new infrastructure projects.



### **The uMngeni Fund – an Environmental/Estate Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for environmental and conservation projects linked to the Hilton Estate.



### **The Vula Fund – a Community Outreach Fund**

The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for community outreach projects that are linked to the school, such as the highly acclaimed Vula Programme.

## Cattle Project

The year 2022 for all intents and purposes was a “home run year” for the cattle project. The many wet and misty days we experienced led to particularly high levels of nitrogen in the grass which in turn led to frothy bloat in



*Adam Cole on the Hilton College estate*

some of the cattle. This can be fatal if not treated immediately. Fortunately, estate manager Rowan Welsford and his team managed this in their normal dedicated and efficient manner, moving grazing fences up to three times a day and constantly monitoring the stock. Stock losses were low, weight gains were good, and prices held, so overall, everything lined up very nicely! The only fly in the ointment was the invasion of Ukraine, which triggered a sequence of events that resulted in the price of urea more than doubling in autumn. This added to our top-dressing costs significantly. But that's next season's problem and we will take this season's results with open arms!

Thanks again to all participants in the project. We really value your support!

Keep eating beef.

**Tim Gibson**

*(On behalf of the cattle team)*

The Hilton College cattle for bursaries project was initiated approximately a decade ago by the Hilton College Old Boys. The primary aim of the project is to help facilitate the purchasing and running of oxen on the Hilton College Estate. The funds generated from this project are directed towards bursaries.

**2022 new cattle owners:** Dakile, NB; Warwick, A

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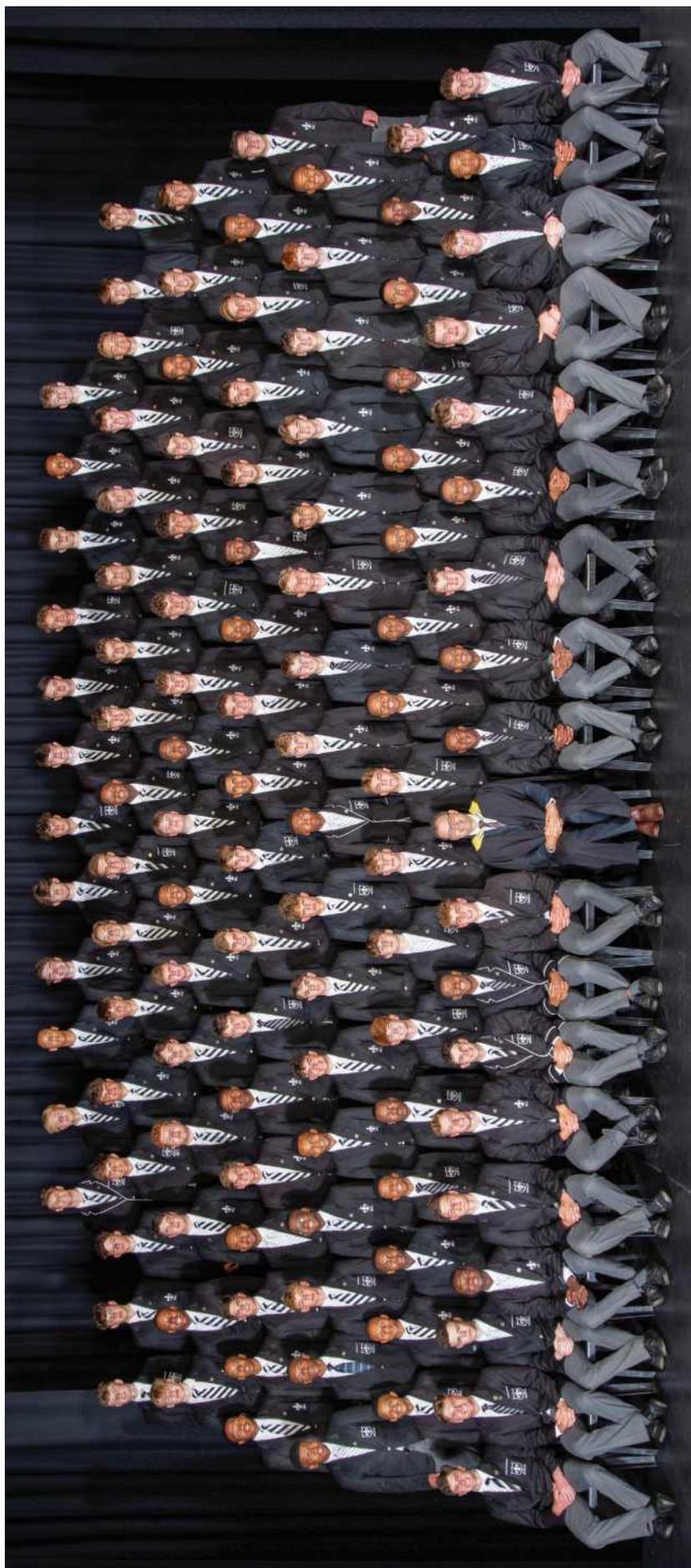
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Justin Waldman



## 150<sup>th</sup> Events

### A year of favour, festivities and friendship

Hilton College's 150th year was marked by favour, festivities and the rekindling of friendships fostered at our great school. It was fitting that the celebrations began with a thanksgiving service in the chapel on 28 January 2022, the day our school was founded 150 years ago.

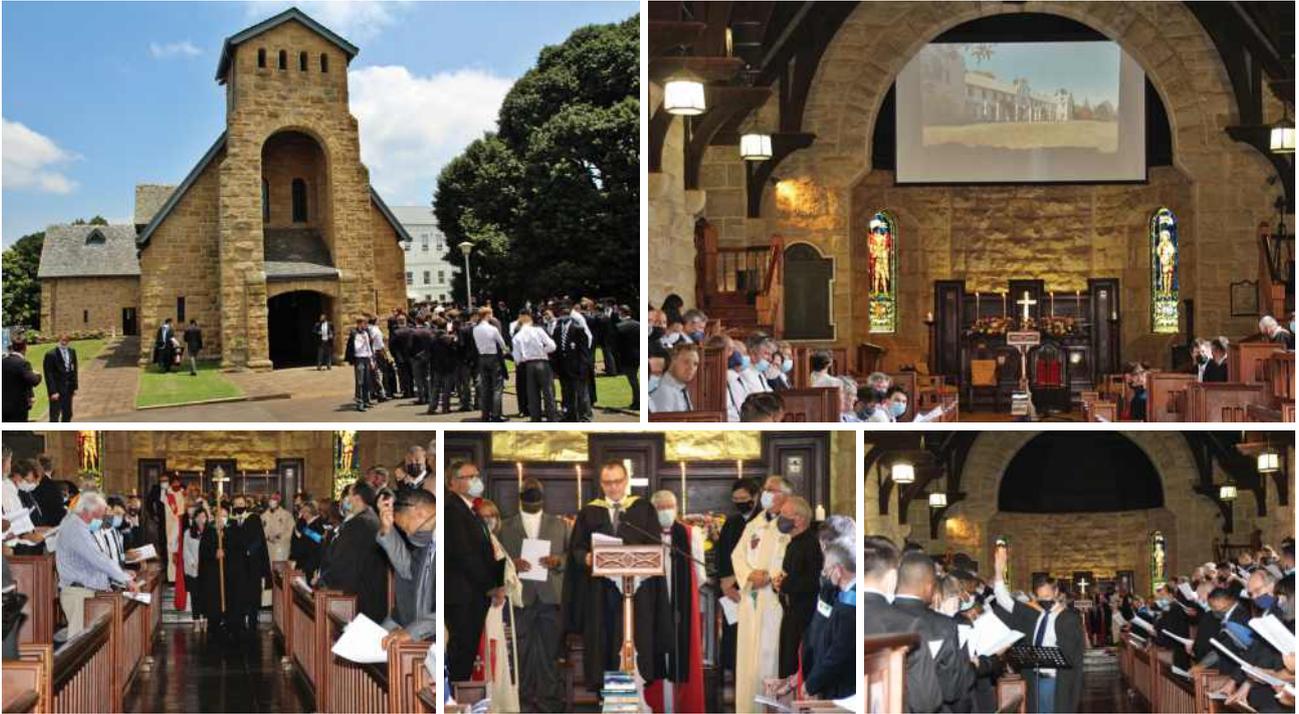
The service was attended by invited clergy, governors, heads of schools, ambassadors from year groups dating back to 1962, staff and boys of Hilton.

Reflecting on the favour of God, enjoyed by Hilton College for generations, our chaplain, Reverend Sean McGuigan, offered a prayer of thanks for: "... our founders and those who have served and built up our school, including all who have given unselfishly to build our school, including benefactors and those who have generously provided; for all who have gone out of the school and used their gifts in the service of God and made this world a better place; for all the facilities we are privileged to enjoy in this school; for enquiring minds and strong bodies free of hunger and pain; for all the memories of the past which enrich the present and inspire us to work harder each day; for the peace and beauty of our surroundings and the chance thousands of Hiltonians have had to experience thy creation evidenced in nature".

In a passionate sermon, pastor and Old Hiltonian Rory Dyer (1987PM, Churchill) implored Hilton College boys to be men of godly character, who use their standing to lift up others. He also urged them to guard against placing their full faith in academic books while approaching with disdain the book upon which our school was founded.

"God, may there always be favour upon this place... Thank you, God, for 150 years. May one generation keep telling the next about your goodness. May this school be constantly reminded that it was founded on a book, and may we always go back to that book," he prayed.

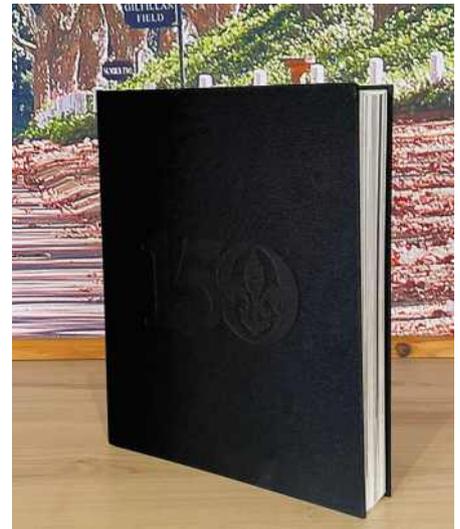
# Thanksgiving Service



## Ambassadors

Over the weekend of our sesquicentennial birthday, we hosted 40 Old Hiltonian representative of 35 year groups between the classes of 1962 and 2017. These, our ambassadors, “checked in” to Campbell House (old Pearce) on Friday 28 January before attending the thanksgiving service in the chapel at noon. This was followed by lunch in the old Pearce Common Room, an estate visit, dinner in

the dining hall and drinks at the Fleur-de-Lys (FDL). The following day began with a “Pig’s ear” breakfast with the headmaster, a classroom visit, museum visit, and cricket and water polo against Westville before lunch at the FDL. Later in the day, our guests had snacks and drinks with our sports coaches and a braai at the FDL.



## Publication of the 150th Book

To mark the occasion of our school's 150th, Hilton College published a 340-page coffee table book in 2022, highlighting some of the people, events and places associated with our remarkable school. Stories of Hilton College: An Anthology is a wonderful celebration of Hiltonians, capturing the spirit of Hilton for posterity. A highly inspirational read, it is a collector's item which belongs in the homes of all Hiltonians.

## Reunions

Over the course of the year, there were 30-odd reunions of Old Hiltonians, who gathered in and around Hilton to honour and celebrate their friendships.



# Joseph

During the "celebratory week" in late April, Hilton College staged a dazzling production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* in collaboration with St Anne's Diocesan College and Cowan

House Preparatory School. Performed live at the Hilton College Theatre from 24 to 28 April, the production involved the combined talents of nearly 600 people, and played to full houses every night.



# Opening of Vula 2

On Thursday 28 April, invited guests from the Independent Schools Association of South Africa and the Department of Education joined the headmaster, members of the board, and the Vula team in acknowledging the exceptional generosity of donors to the Vula Programme at Hilton. Vula, which was founded in 2001, continues to improve the quality of the teaching and learning of high school maths and science in under-resourced schools across KwaZulu-Natal.

In grateful recognition of the generous benefaction by Old Hiltonian Hugh Snyder, the second Vula Lodge was officially opened and named the Earl Snyder Lodge in memory of Hugh's late father.

We now have space to accommodate 24 visiting teachers at any one time during their residential in-service training.





## Benefactors' Breakfast

Hilton College has grown through benefaction over the past 150 years. Without benefactors, the school would not be what it is today. In recognition of their generosity, notable benefactors were special guests at a breakfast on the morning of Friday 29 April. The breakfast was under a

marque on the lawns of the headmaster's home, resplendent with its sweeping views of the uMngeni Valley, and the benefactors who attended consisted almost entirely of Old Hiltonians, serving as a reminder that it is the sons of Hilton who are responsible for her wellbeing.





## Gala Dinners

The highlight of the celebratory week, if not the 150th year, were the gala dinners on Thursday 28 April and Friday 29 April. Hosted in the Sports Centre, which was transformed into a spectacular expression of the theme "A Black and White African Night", they were unforgettable

events where friendships were rekindled and relished. Chairman of the board of governors and Old Hiltonian Alistair Franklin, together with headmaster George Harris, delivered truly memorable speeches, illustrating the quality of leadership that Hilton enjoys today.





## Hilton College vs Michaelhouse

On Saturday 30 April, we hosted our great friends and rivals, Michaelhouse, for the traditional home rugby and hockey fixtures. Under a bright blue Midlands sky, our collective communities enjoyed a wonderful day of high-quality sport, with Hilton being triumphant in both the first hockey and rugby fixtures. More importantly, the day was

marked by a climate of collegiality with many long-standing relationships being reaffirmed. In the evening we hosted a "Gathering of Friends" festival, a first for a Hilton Michaelhouse derby day, where alumni from both schools enjoyed themselves late into the night.







## Opening of the Music Centre

In November, the Chamberlain Music Centre was opened. Measuring 1340 square metres, it includes a recital hall, performance spaces spilling out on to sports fields, band room, sound-proofed classrooms, a music production computer lab and a recording studio.

The state-of-the-art centre, which was made possible thanks to benefactors Dawie Chamberlain (1962, McKenzie), David Letschert (parent) and Stephen Crookes (2007, Ellis), will maximise performance opportunities for our boys and create space for community engagement through the arts.



# CHAMBERLAIN MUSIC CENTRE



## Two Schools in Concert



### Two Organs

In 2022, Hilton College became one of the few schools in South Africa to boast two organs on its campus: a new digital organ in the chapel and a traditional pipe organ in the new music centre.

To help fund the two-organ project, leading artist Brent Dodd, a former fine art master at Hilton College, produced a charcoal drawing of our chapel.

Some of the 150 limited-edition prints (43cm x 61cm) are still available and can be purchased from the school.



### Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs

With the installation of the new digital organ at the front of the chapel, and before the removal from the chapel of the old organ, a window of opportunity opened for us to perform Widor's extraordinary Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs as the composer had intended it, with an

organ at either end of the sanctuary. A collaboration between the Drakensberg Boys Choir and the Hilton College Vocal Ensemble, it was a truly unforgettable and unrepeatable performance. As was our 150th year.



## Chairman's Address

*By the chairman of the board, Mr Andrew Johnston*

On behalf of the headmaster and the board, may I welcome you all here on this magnificent afternoon in the KwaZulu-Natal Midlands to celebrate the boys on their achievements and to reflect on what has been an incredibly auspicious and successful year for Hilton College, not least of all being the 150th anniversary since its founding.

Several years ago, my predecessor remarked that most people (especially the boys), contemplate the chairman's address at speech day with the same degree of enthusiasm as they might regard a visit to the dentist and this without the benefit of an anaesthetic!

With this in mind, I have heeded the call and reduced my address from the customary three hours to two hours long!

Now that I have gained your attention and set myself an ambitious target, I would like to reflect on the Hilton College of 150 years ago, the year that has been, and to focus on the next 150 years.

Hilton College began from humble beginnings. On 29 January 1872, William Orde Newnham purchased a Voortrekker farm in upper Hilton and the rest, as the saying goes, is history. The school was created with capital the equivalent of R50, 50 founding pupils and two teachers – Newnham himself and one assistant master. Back then, boys travelled to school on horseback, by ox-wagon or walked. In the now famous book entitled "A South African Boy", which was published in 1897, Frank Johnston (no relative of mine), a founding pupil, walked to Hilton College all the way from Zululand, with his cattle before him, which he would subsequently tender as his school fees. Remember, this was an age when inventions such as the motorcar, motorbikes, airplanes and Uber were still decades or even centuries away.

These founding pupils stayed in a low thatched roofed bungalow on the site where the present museum is now located called Lords and Commons, and five boys slept in compartments of 12 x 10 feet. If you were unlucky enough, you may even have slept in a room in the headmaster's home which still stands today.

The beds were wooden frames with straw mattresses on top – no doubt collected from the nearby stables when the padding wore thin. Ticks and mites were a constant menace.



Meals back then were also not that hot or much to write home about – a bowl of mielie meal and two small squares of bread for breakfast. Tea was slush and made from old tea leaves from the assistant master and the Newnham's teapots which were constantly reboiled during the day. According to popular opinion at the time, it tasted like water in which rope yarn had been boiled. Dinner was three squares of bread each evening, accompanied by meat twice a week, as well as the slush just mentioned.

Subjects taught in the 1870s included, among others, Latin, Greek and arithmetic. Bullying and corporal punishment by senior boys were seen as usual and part of the daily ritual in the life of a 19th-century schoolboy and the only place where the boys could wash themselves, often in ice cold water, was a large farm dam on the spot where Newnham house stands today.

The boys played cricket on what was commonly known as “the Square” and football (otherwise known as rugby today) on the only field situated on Henderson's farm and beyond the boundary of the school.

Rugby and cricket matches, frequently in Pietermaritzburg, were reached on foot or by horseback taking a shortcut across where the driving range is situated today and directly down through Chase Valley to Pietermaritzburg. Ox wagon tracks can still be seen today if carefully examined. These trips could take anything between three to four hours one way, depending on the weather and the rugby matches were frequently against men in the military.

It was often remarked by the Hilton boys back then that the scrums smelt more like a boozy gin bar than a pack of hot and perspiring adolescents.

The only form of athletics in the late 19th century at Hilton involved a three-mile race along a winding footpath to the nearby kraals where delicious thick Amasi was brewed – a practice which I believe persisted up until the 1950s.

Since those early colonial days in Natal, Hilton College has seen and witnessed much – several wars, global pandemics and economic crises, multiple modern-day inventions, including the motorcar, airplane, computer, mobile phones, electricity, running water and the telephone (all of which we take for granted today) as well as the magnificent expansion of the campus to include many of the beautiful buildings which are before you today.

So, you may ask, why am I regaling you with this history of Hilton College? Well, the interesting fact to quote Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr in 1849 – is “plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose” – “the more things change, the more they stay the same”.

On reflection over the past 150 years, some interesting statistics come to mind:



- Hilton College still stands on its original site and the boys of today continue to enjoy and benefit from the same magnificent estate as they did back in the 1870s;
- For 150 years all boys attending Hilton College have remained full-time boarders;
- Today, Hilton College's school fees remain the equivalent of the price of a team of oxen;
- Some boys may still argue that the tea served today remains slush similar to during Newnham's time;
- Despite facing many crises throughout its long history (financial, health, wars – which depleted staff numbers and kept scholars away), Hilton College has remained a world-class educational institution; and
- Hilton boys have since Newnham's first speech day always been encouraged to be synonymous with gentlemen and to have compassion, humility, sensitivity, imagination and concern for others – sentiments which I know our headmaster echoes to this day.

Turning to the events of the past year, 2022 has indeed been an annus mirabilis, from a sporting, academic and cultural perspective.

The school remains full, with an extremely healthy waiting list for the next few years. Despite having a pupil complement of just under 600 boys, Hilton College has managed to consistently remain in the top 15 rankings for its core sports in South Africa.

According to the last available rankings published in 2022, Hilton College was ranked sixth in the country for rugby (number one in KZN), 14th for cricket (number one in KZN), eighth for water polo (number three in KZN), number one for hockey in South Africa, fourth for soccer (number one in KZN) and 12th for basketball (number six in KZN).

Added to this, for the first time in its history, four boys achieved SA School's selection for rugby with Thomas Dyer captaining the SA Schools rugby team. In addition, three boys were awarded their SA School's colours for hockey with Matt Rout being selected as vice-captain of the SA Schools hockey team – all round an outstanding achievement in 2022.

On the academic front, Ben Kok, a Grade 11 pupil, was selected as one of only two South Africans to join a NASA programme in Houston in the USA, while Khanya Mhlongo, also a Grade 11 pupil, was selected and attended an international debating symposium at Oxford University.

Culturally the school continues to excel, being involved in, among others, the production of Joseph with St Anne's, a spirited Celebration of Music between Hilton College and Michaelhouse, and the resumption of the Outdoor Leadership Experiences following the Covid years.

For those of you who have not yet visited the magnificent upgrade to the new music centre, I encourage you to do so. It truly is a world-class facility.

Yet, despite the longevity and successes of Hilton College today and much of which went before remaining in place to date, we must never forget the wise words of Hilton's third headmaster, William Falcon, who remarked at his first speech day in 1909 that "the life of a public school must be remembered not by decades, but by centuries". Reflecting on this statement in modern times and to quote a famous American statesman: "A great record of past achievements is not enough. There can be no complacency. We dare not just look back to great yesterdays – we must look forward to great tomorrows".

So, what is it that Hilton College has achieved over 150 years that we can learn from today and focus on for the next 150 years?

Perhaps it is the following three key characteristics:

Firstly, in the opening chapter of Neville Nuttall's anthology of Hilton College, aptly named *Lift Up Your Hearts*, he remarks that Hilton College was founded on a friendship. Today that friendship permeates throughout the entire Hilton family whether it be old boys, parents, prospective parents, teachers and scholars.

The camaraderie and lifelong friendships which boys at Hilton College forge over their five years together is quite unique. That no fewer than 35 separate year group reunions took place at Hilton College this year is remarkable. It is also not infrequent that old boys and other members of the Hilton family come together many years after their time at Hilton ended and pick up where they left off, as if they had never been apart. This interest, enthusiasm and support (whether financial or in kind) has been core to and sustained the success of the school.

I am aware that Alistair Franklin, my predecessor, recognised and thanked the many generous benefactors of Hilton College at the 150th celebrations earlier this year, but on a personal level, I too would like to echo Alistair's words and express my own thanks to these benefactors for their extraordinary, unconditional and generous benefaction towards the school.

Secondly, Hilton College has always been blessed by having a passionate and dedicated body of teachers who quite frankly are exceptional and go beyond the call of duty. It has often been said that the most important influence in education is personality, and the fortunate pupil is he who has encountered the personality, not only of great teachers but of a great school.



These teachers play a seminal role in the development and education of each boy passing through the school and like generations before, earn a special place etched in their hearts and minds once they matriculate from Hilton - even if sometimes the nicknames they earn don't necessarily reflect the value of their contributions. In this regard I am reminded of names such as Fungi, Dof, Fruit, Piggy and Shaggy Dog. To this company of great teachers, I would be remiss if I didn't comment on the exceptional leadership of each of the headmasters who have guided, led and managed this great school since its inception.

Last, but not least, Hilton College was birthed by Rev William Orde Newnham and founded on the faith of Christ. Today those Christian principles remain the bedrock on which the school operates, and boys of Hilton are implored to be men of godly character, who use their standing to lift up others.

It is not co-incidental that a part of the school's prayer implores that "... we give thee humble and hearty thanks for the great company of those who have served and built up our school ... and that whatsoever things are true, pure, noble and of good report may here forever flourish and abound".

For the better part of 150 years, it has also been widely acknowledged that whenever the school's hymn "Lift up your hearts, we lift them, Lord, to thee", is sung, Old Hiltonians identify the same with the spirit in which our school at its best lives and works.

As I draw to a close, it behoves me to thank George Harris and his team of teachers and support staff for all that they do and mean to Hilton College. Running Hilton College is like running a big business with all the associated challenges, pressures and emotions. It takes nerves of steel and a steady hand to run this ship and George, it has been a privilege to work with you and your team over the past few months. Hilton is truly blessed and in good hands under your proactive leadership and wise counsel and guidance.

It would also be remiss on my part not to thank the board for their unwavering commitment, wise counsel and dedication towards Hilton College. Each of them have unstintingly supported my transition to the role of chairman and have ensured that I experienced a soft landing.

In particular, I would like to single out the past chairman, Alistair Franklin, for guiding this great school over the past six-and-a-half years. Alistair was truly a polymath in this role and while his knowledge spanned a substantial number of subjects, he had an uncanny ability to draw on complex bodies of knowledge to solve specific problems.

Thanks must also go to Chris Tod, who will be stepping off the board as Deputy Chairman in the next couple of months and who has been so integral in managing the beautiful estate on which the college is situated and for his



vision in developing The Gates. Thankfully Chris will remain actively involved in the various development initiatives which are undertaken through Gwens Stream Estates.

I would also like to use this opportunity to congratulate Thabo Seopa on his recent appointment as the new Deputy Chairman and to welcome the new members to the board.

What has been extremely pleasing to note is that during the past year, no fewer than four former head boys have joined and served on the board, which only re-iterates my earlier comments around the extraordinary camaraderie which exists among old boys and the pervading sense of service and duty towards their alma mater.

Finally, to Thomas Roy the current head boy and all the matrics who will be leaving Hilton College in the next month or so, thank you for your leadership and mentorship during the year and as you venture out into the world, I would like to leave you with the following quote from a well-known life coach: "Live life fully while you are here. Experience everything. Take care of your family, your friends and yourself. Have fun, be crazy, be weird. Go out and don't be afraid to make mistakes! You are going to anyway so you may as well enjoy the process. Take the opportunity to learn from your mistakes, find the cause of your problem and eliminate it. Don't try to be perfect; just be an excellent example of being human".

## Headmaster's Address

*George Harris, Headmaster*

Good afternoon to the chairman of the Board of Governors, Mr Andrew Johnston, our guest speaker, Mr John Conyngham, Mrs Heather Conyngham, governors, invited guests, parents, colleagues, gentlemen of Hilton.

It is a privilege to address you this afternoon in this our 150th year. This year I have spent contemplating the milestone of 150 years; as a South African school, it is a considerable number of years and indeed a moment that evokes great pride.

As a matter of interest:

- Eton College was founded in 1440;
- Harrow School was founded in 1572, only 300 years before Hilton College;
- Wellington College accepted its first pupils in 1859;
- SACS was founded in 1829;
- Bishops was founded in 1849;
- St Andrews College Mkhanda in 1855; and
- Maritzburg College in 1863.

This great school owes so much of its existence to the benefaction of families who have believed in its purpose and in the gift that it is to so many young men. As parents of boys at this school, your belief in what we do is quite simply the reason for our existence. Without your belief and consequent support, this place would simply not be.

This belief has been translated into great benefaction throughout our 150 years. An example of this is the gifting of parcels of land to the Hiltonian Society. This began with the gifting of the land (713 ha) by the Old Hiltonians who were shareholders in Hilton Ltd to the Hiltonian Society in 1928.

In 1943, WAC Campbell bought the adjoining farm, Broedershoek, which he donated to the school. This is the area towards Beacons. (c.492ha)

In 1943, our Henderson neighbours transferred to The Hiltonian Society the rectangular playing field on which the Beckingham hockey pitch is now situated. While I believe this was first the rugby field, it was for many years a hockey field known as Hendersons. (c.1.3ha)

To allow for the creation of the war memorial avenue leading to the school, the Hendersons again in 1951 donated a strip of land on the south side of the road. (c.1.2ha)

These gifts, alongside the multiple gifts of buildings and bursaries over time, are testament to the belief in our school and in its purpose.

This benefaction has indeed, among other benefits, secured our water provision; it has afforded our boys an experience of nature that few schools in the world can boast; it has provided a vista of unrivalled splendour, which connects us with the eternal.

And this spirit of generosity is perhaps one of the most important strands of our DNA. Lest we forget or underestimate the contribution of families who have recognised the enormous contribution our school has made in their lives and in the lives of many individuals who have been fortunate to have been schooled at this spectacular institution. I do so hope that this glorious story will continue for the next 150 years.

And it is indeed with a spirit of gratitude that we thank those who make our lives so much easier and who serve us daily as we go about our work. My thanks to the people



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of Spectrum, Broll, Bidvest Food and Red Alert for always going the extra mile for us all.

Now on to some farewells:

I am delighted that Mrs Cal Bray is with us this afternoon, as I omitted to thank her formally at the end of last year and, gracious as ever, Cal forgave me. Cal was a force to be reckoned with at our school. Her enthusiasm and zest for drama and for ensuring that the boys produced magic on the stage year after year was inspiring. Cal seems far more relaxed and chilled given her semi-retirement and it is joy to have her in our midst this afternoon.

Mr Brad Anderson left us at the end of the third term to take up the role of deputy principal at King Edwards in the leafy, calm, gentrified suburb of Hillbrow, I mean Houghton Estates! Brad held many roles at Hilton over the years and his report with boys and staff alike was superb. Ever congenial and ever committed, we thank Brad for his 23 years of service to Hilton.

Mrs Sarah Bien has been the glue in Newnham for 20 years. Her care, attention to detail, warmth and energy will be greatly missed as she leaves Hilton to join her family in the UK – an exciting next chapter. We thank Sarah for her dedicated service to Hilton and to Newnham in particular. Hamba kahle, Sarah.

Mr Thulani Mhlongo, our current Head of Department of IsiZulu, has taken up the position of HOD of isiZulu at Clifton College in Durban after 10 years at Hilton. Thulani hails from eThekweni and hence this is a “going home” of sorts. Thulani is the current IEB examiner for isiZulu, his quiet demeanour alongside his ability to get stuff done, exemplified in his receiving his Green number at Comrades this year, make him an exceptionally valuable colleague and friend. We will miss Thulani but wish him well in his next chapter.

Mrs Charmaine Padayachee left us at the end of the second term to take up the role of deputy principal at St Annes College. Charmaine also held various roles at Hilton over her eight-and-a-half years here; she will be remembered for her strong relationships with the boys she taught and her ability to make Maths engaging for many. We wish her well in her new role as deputy.

Mrs Cheryl Govender joined Hilton College in 2006 as the assistant debtors controller. She was promoted to creditors controller in 2011 and she has held this position with much grace. Cheryl retires at the end of this year and we will miss her warmth and care. We wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Caroline Howard began at Hilton in 2013 and served in our Stock Exchange where many a boy enjoyed her kind manner. Caroline has taken up a similar position at St Johns DSG.

Mrs Kim Lindie left us in May this year to teach in Australia after four years of service to Hilton. Kim worked with our debaters and helped produce our annual Pinnacles compilation of creative writing.

Mrs Kirsty Foster arrived at Hilton College as a mother of Charlie in 2018, from the faraway land of Singapore, and she joined the staff in 2019. Her welcoming manner, alongside her never-say-die attitude and her commitment to a job well done, are hallmarks of her person. Kirsty fulfilled her role as enrolment partner with the empathy of a mother sending her son to boarding school and with the wisdom of a seasoned professional able to reassure those exploring our school with their myriad questions. We will miss Kirsty and wish her well in the jungle of Sandton.

Ms Margie Mackechnie has been in our Maths department since 2021, joining the teaching fraternity after having practiced as an actuary for Discovery Health. Margie not only taught mathematics but also presented our junior MBA course to which a number of our boys signed up. A ball of energy and thoroughness, Margie will leave a gap in our staffroom and in the Maths Department as she leaves us to take up a lecturing role at the University of Cape Town in 2023. We wish her everything of the best in her new challenge.



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Mr David Orr joined us in January 2021, in the thick of the Covid pandemic, which was a real pity. David has been instrumental in helping us get our new music centre perfectly designed and he has been the driver behind the organ project. David's organ playing and his leading of congregational singing have rejuvenated the boys' singing in the chapel and it has been an absolute joy to be transported by his prowess on the keys at our services. David leaves us to take up the position of director of music at Somerset College in the Western Cape.

Mr Lesego Mokoka has only been with us a year and he has unfortunately also decided to return to Johannesburg where he will join Crawford Lonehill. Lesego quickly became an integral part of our Maths Department, and he will be sorely missed.

Iain McGilchrist, the neuroscientist, psychiatrist, philosopher and author of both *The Master and His Emissary* and *The Matter with Things*, posits that society is rushing headlong into a world controlled by the left hemisphere of the brain.

The difference between right and left hemispheres has been puzzled over for centuries. McGilchrist draws on a vast body of recent brain research, illustrated with case histories, to reveal that the difference is profound – not just this or that function, but two whole, coherent, but incompatible ways of experiencing the world. The left hemisphere is detail-oriented, prefers mechanisms to living things, and is inclined to self-interest, where the right hemisphere has greater breadth, flexibility and generosity. This division helps explain the origins of music and language, and casts new light on the history of philosophy, as well as on some mental illnesses. In the second part of the book, he takes the reader on a journey through the history of Western culture, illustrating the tension between these two worlds as revealed in the thought and belief of thinkers and artists, from Aeschylus to Magritte. He argues that, despite its inferior grasp of reality, the left hemisphere is increasingly taking precedence in the modern world, with potentially disastrous consequences.

I do not have time in this address to do justice to the hypothesis in its entirety, but my reading of a part of the argument is that society must heed the warning that a purely utilitarian approach to life, a predominantly left hemisphere-driven approach, is inclined to self-interest and is in danger of crowding out the “voice” of the right hemisphere which takes us along a path of greater flexibility and generosity.

A focus on the humanities and on the study of art broadly is critical to our making meaning of our world and, indeed,

of our place therein. McGilchrist espouses the value of literature, poetry, art and of music, among other disciplines, that force us into the journey of the philosophical and into a way of seeing the world that moves beyond the utilitarian towards a healthier, deeper picture of our place within this universe of wonder, beauty and potential life beyond the immediate.

And so with unashamed gratitude, I take immense encouragement from the gift to our school of the new Chamberlain Music Centre, gifted by the Chamberlain family with the support of Mr Stephen Crookes and the Letschert family, who are assisting us in providing the platform for boys to be exposed to, and challenged into, exploring the arts as a starting point in their journey of feeding the right hemisphere's influence and awakening of their seeing and understanding of our world.

Ladies and gentlemen, even as we enjoy a Speech Day where we celebrate achievement, in our mad rush to measurement of success in today's world, we should be very careful of making our world only about the utilitarian. In this utilitarian view, artistic endeavour and time to ponder life's true meaning is easily forgotten and devalued – an approach that will ultimately leave us bereft of life.

Furthermore, and alarmingly, our young people are ever more susceptible to anxiety disorders, to fear of failure, to panic attacks and to inferiority complexes; their freedom to explore, to ponder and to err has been dissolved in our endless pursuit of the measurable and of the utilitarian.

Hilton College has a few antidotes to this challenge. Apart from our new music centre, our nature reserve remains a somewhat under-utilised asset by our boys. We need to

encourage the use of this more; as parents you can help us in this. It may mean saying no to some other pressures for example, another sports festival...

A further hindrance to a boy's (and an adult's) ability to explore, develop and ponder the right hemisphere's view of the world is our incessant reliance and slavery to the ills of technology. Although I, too, am among those who have succumbed to this invasive weapon of mass destruction, I do believe we need to fight back. Here's my proposal (Ben Kok, you'll like this one) – and I have a bullet-proof vest at hand... For the period after this half-term until the end of the year we will conduct an experiment and ban cell phones at school for boys in Grades 8 to 11. This is an exam period, and we are hoping to assist your son in his ability to focus on his work at this time whilst also helping him to detox from this world of tech.

Before the outcry becomes deafening, boys will have already worked out in these few seconds that they will still have access to the outside world through their laptop etc. But importantly, a phone which is imminently more mobile makes access and dependency that much more easy and we would like to challenge this construct with a practical assist. Furthermore, it is more difficult to video your mate using a laptop than a phone, so perhaps we can dent TikTok's algorithm for a brief season. I do hope, parents, that you will assist us as we embark on this experiment.

However, although I have highlighted a number of challenges we face in the education of young people in today's world, I am often bowled over by the many thoughtful and inspiring young men we do have in our great school. Young men who are spiritual, kind, courageous, determined, fun-loving and gentlemanly.



In the class of 2022, among the boys who may not receive a prize publicly but who have demonstrated characteristics of which they can be proud, I think of:

- Matt Sara and Michael Lillie, who have given 23 and 15 hours to the First Aid team;
- Michal de Beer and Chris Roy, who have lead others with distinction without a title;
- Justin Green, who knuckled down and explored his mathematics at the highest level;
- Campbell Ivins, whose portraits for his A-Level Art prac are profound for his age;
- Ndalo Gumede, Sentle Seitlheko, Noah Coffey and Lwenziwe Sibiyi, who have provided much of our vocal music entertainment in their time here, unfortunately hindered by Covid;
- Ross Taylor, who spoke beautifully in an assembly of his varied experiences over his five years;
- Angus Loughor-Clarke, who only arrived at Hilton in Grade 10, but who has grasped the role of librarian in the house and challenged Pearce boys to read and to respect the processes around the library;
- Jono Ferguson, who has been an example of gentlemanly behaviour and servant leadership in his time here;
- Adolf Luderitz, who has given hours of service in taking many prospective families around our school.

And then those who have achieved great feats in their time here, but who have carried themselves with humility and dignity. Here special mention must be made of Thomas Dyer and Matt Rout, who were both chosen to captain and vice- captain the SA U18 teams in rugby and hockey, respectively.

A little note about Thomas. I received an email from a parent from an opposing team on a Monday after the 1st XV game against DHS. The email reads: "Dear Mr Harris,



*Thomas Dyer, Captain of the First XV*

We are the parents of the boy who played in the hooker position for DHS 1st team in Saturday's game on 7 May. Near the end of the game, our son had two skew throws and an overthrow, so when the final whistle blew, he was feeling a little broken as he took the loss as being his fault.

We would like to acknowledge your captain Thomas Dyer, who not only noticed our son's disappointment but also took the time to write him a message which he received on Sunday. The message was so motivating and inspirational it lifted our son's spirits and meant so much to him. All we can say is WOW! What an amazing ambassador for Hilton College. His brilliant sportsmanship, empathy for the opposition, as well as his mature outlook, are remarkable attributes. Well done to the Hilton team on a well-deserved win and good luck for the rest of the season. We look forward to following your season under the leadership of such a fine young gentleman."

Applause must go to: Jack Waterhouse, Nic Snyman, Dan den Bakker, Chris Bagnall, Benji Watt, Oliver Lello, David Tshebi on their national achievements; Spencer Wright on his provincial debating status; and the boys who made provincial teams in their sporting codes.

We are indeed blessed to have families of the calibre we do, who help us in helping their boys become the best version of themselves through their time at Hilton College.

To Tom Roy and Olwethu Kweyama on leading our school in this its 150th year: you have done yourselves proud and have led with humility, by example and with soul. Well done to you. It has been a pleasure working with you.

To the broader professional Hilton team: thank you for an incredibly positive 150th year. My thanks to Mr Bootlegger Armstrong, who held the reins for our 150th celebrations, alongside the Advancement team led by Mr Pete Storrar and overseen by Mr Paul Rayner. You guys pulled off extraordinary. Well done.

To the housemasters, the HODs, the teachers, the administrative staff: you all make up the heartbeat of this great school. Thank you for your ongoing contribution and commitment.

My thanks to Mrs Kim Martin, who holds our finances impeccably and with much dexterity. To Kim and her team, thank you. Yours is a difficult task in an ever-increasingly difficult economy.

Mrs Hanlie Dry, assisted by Mrs Ashleigh Askew, your professionalism and your care for every boy's academic progress in this school is beyond comparison and you are the glue in many situations.

Mr Darryn Gallagher and your band of sports coaches, teachers and external assists, the expertise with which you pull off Saturday after Saturday is applauded. Thank you for making games a priority.

Mr Dave Look, yours is an unenviable task. Thank you for holding boys and their development central to your role. Your contribution is invaluable in guiding our young men.

Dr Alexeis du Bois, thank you for contributing by challenging and pushing us all towards a global outlook and a global competitiveness.

Dr Janna de Gouveia, thank you for holding so many boys as they navigate their way through the challenge of an academic system that can, at times, be prescriptive and narrow for some.

Reverend Sean McGuigan, thank you for guiding us and for holding us spiritually. Thank you for helping us find a rhythm to our eternal search for meaning and purpose in God.

Mr Sean Lindsay, thank you for your thoroughness in looking after our significant asset and in exploring ways in which we may become more sustainable into the future.

Mr Chris Carey, thank you for leading the housemasters this year. Your street-smart awareness of issues our boys are dealing with has been spot on and your efficiency has been welcomed.

Mr Paul Venter and Mr Siphoniwa, thank you for tackling and advancing our work on belonging in this school. If we are to remain a beacon of excellence and a beacon of the world we would like to inhabit, the work of ensuring that all of us have a thorough sense of belonging cannot be downplayed. Thank you for your commitment to this.

Mr Tony Shuttleworth and Mr KG Motlogeloa, thank you for being partners in this great joy of leading a boys' school. Your wisdom, kindness, forthrightness, and desire for good are attributes that I value immensely. Thank you for partnering with me.

Our Leadership Team for 2023 is the entire Class of 2023, but there are areas that require particular focus and the boys chosen for these roles have been selected as yesterday's letter to our Grade 11 parents explained.

The Heads of Houses for 2023 are:

Churchill – Ruben Marx

Ellis – Ross Boast

Falcon – Gabriel Njonjo

Lucas – RD Engelbrecht

McKenzie – Oliver Joyner

Newnham – Matt Peters

Pearce – Jack Hampson

Portfolio leaders:

Academics – Ben Kok

Belonging – Jehan Thipanyane-Said

Community – Minenhle Makhathini

Conservation – Michael Sara

Culture – Vhuthi Siwada

Pastoral – Caine Letschert

Spirituality – Liso Ngoqo

Sport – Matt Hayes

Sustainability – Nkululeko Ngcobo

Would the following two boys please ascend the stage: Khanya Mhlongo, our Deputy Head of School for 2023, and Matthew Stewart, our Head of School for 2023.

Finally, my thanks to the governors of this great school, to Mr Alistair Franklin, who gave selflessly and who led with much finesse and astute guidance, and now to Mr Andrew Johnston, who has already given significant time to the role of guiding and leading, I look forward to your tenure as chairman, Andrew.

To my PA, Ms Sally Moon, for juggling the many balls we need to juggle at any one time: my thanks.

To my wife, Vicki-Ann, who affords me the opportunity to do this crazy role of headmastering and who supports me with much grace and an essential sense of humour: thank you.

To the boys of Hilton: thank you for the privilege of serving you in this extraordinary place and in this extraordinary year.

May the next 150 years be even more blessed.

## Guest of Honour's Address

*John Conyngham*

Mr Chairman, Mr Headmaster, staff and boys of Hilton, ladies and gentlemen, it is said that the inaugural speech of an American president is often a good indicator of the man: the shorter the speech, the better the president. The shortest on record is that of George Washington – just 135 words. The longest is that of William Henry Harrison in 1841. Eight thousand, four hundred and forty-five words, it was delivered outdoors on an overcast day with an icy wind. Not long afterwards Harrison went down with a chill which developed into pneumonia and he died several weeks later. That's a warning to public speakers: don't go on too long.

The five speech-day speakers I had at Hilton were the vice chancellor of the University of Cape Town, a judge, the editor of the Star newspaper in Johannesburg, mining magnate Harry Oppenheimer and – as my last year happened to be the centenary – the state president, Jim Fouché.

Fifty years later, of those speakers and their speeches I can remember only two things.

One is about Harry Oppenheimer. Because of his wealth, and because he was chairman of two of South Africa's premier companies, Anglo-American and De Beers, I expected him to be full of corporate confidence. But he

was the opposite. He was quiet and unassuming and went to some length to tell us how undistinguished he had been at school. His understatedness lodged in my memory.

The other is about state president Jim Fouché. He was clearly reading a speech written for him by a speech writer and at one point where he should have said "silly ass" he said another word for ass that rhymes with grass. That may seem tame nowadays, but I remember that the audience wasn't sure whether to laugh or not.

As it was my duty to thank the state president, luckily for me my speech was written by Paul Cannon, a respected English teacher and housemaster. In the course of his research, he'd discovered that Mrs Fouché had been born a MacDonald. And as anyone with knowledge of Scottish history knows, since a fateful day in 1692 when a group of Campbell guests turned on their MacDonald hosts, killing 30 of them, the MacDonalds and Campbells have been locked in a feud. So, nearly 300 years later, in distant South Africa, a former Miss MacDonald had unwittingly strayed into a Campbell stronghold. "Fear not Mrs Fouché," I was scripted to say, "no blood will be shed." I remember it raised a laugh.

Although my credentials pale beside those of other guest speakers, on an occasion like this I may have something in my favour, because I come from a family that's had four direct generations at Hilton: grandfather, father, self and son. And as special birthdays are times to look back into the past and forward into the future, I hope you'll bear with me as I use my family members as unnamed reference points to give you a very brief history of Hilton.

In the 1890s, the colonial school attended by my grandfather, a farmer's son from Ifafa on the South Coast, was little more than a cluster of buildings near where the headmaster's house is today. Henry Ellis was headmaster, and the boarding house system as we know it had not yet been established. Because there were so few other schools, sport was also played against local men's clubs, as well as teams made up of British soldiers from the garrison in Pietermaritzburg. Already one Old Hiltonian had died in battle.

The early years of the last century saw a number of tragic conflicts in which Old Hiltonians and countless other people on all sides needlessly lost their lives. Most devastating was the First World War, in which 51 old boys were killed, eight at the famous battle of Delville Wood where the battlefield commander was Old Hiltonian William Tanner. Not long afterwards, also in France, Old Hiltonian Reginald Hayward, a stock farmer's son from Swartberg in East Griqualand, for conspicuous bravery earned the Victoria Cross.

In the 1920s and '30s my grandfather was magistrate at Nqutu and then Ingwavuma, and it was from there that his three sons travelled to Hilton. Back then there was also a junior school so my father spent nine years here. William Falcon was headmaster, followed by Terence Mansergh.



Boxing was a popular sport. But no sooner did that generation leave in the late 1930s than they were pitched into the Second World War, in which a further 81 Old Hiltonians lost their lives.

Thirty years later, the Hilton I attended as a sugar farmer's son from near Stanger, or KwaDukuza, on the North Coast, was an apartheid school. Raymond Slater had just taken over as headmaster and was wasting little time in doing away with what he considered unworthy traditions, like juniors fagging for seniors, and masters and school prefects caning boys. Every Friday afternoon we had cadets, and on leaving school all of us faced one or two years compulsory military service.

It was a difficult time, with difficult choices. While helicopter pilot Ola Grinaker earned the Honoris Crux for bravery, Charles Yeats bravely refused to enlist, going to prison instead. Most of us gritted our teeth and got it over and done with, yet more Old Hiltonians lost their lives.

Why am I telling you all this? Because for its first 100 years, from the death of James Whitelaw at Isandlwana in 1879, to the death of Christopher Robin on the Caprivi Strip in 1975, Hilton's story was shadowed by conflict.

But when my wife and I brought our son here in 1998, everything had changed: South Africa was a democracy, Hilton was integrated, and there was no longer a military commitment.

In 2001, our son's final year, the head boy was Karabo Mokoape, whose father Aubrey had been imprisoned on Robben Island with Nelson Mandela. Nelson Mandela himself was guest speaker on speech day. When he entered this centre, I remember audience members clambering up onto their seats to get a better view of him as he walked up the aisle to the stage. In his speech he called on Hilton boys to help build a great South Africa.

But what is the ideal Hiltonian? Founding headmaster William Newnham wished for the words "Hilton boy" to become the synonymous with "gentleman". A hundred years later, Raymond Slater provided a more detailed definition. While he applauded academic and sporting ability, what he most hoped for was compassion, humility, sensitivity, imagination, and concern for other people.

The book published recently to commemorate Hilton's 150th birthday contains numerous examples: Like lawyer Robert Samuelson, translator and confidant of King Cetshwayo and member of King Dinuzulu's defence team.

Like architect Rusty Bernstein, anti-apartheid activist and Rivonia Trial accused, who helped draft the Freedom Charter.

Like advocates Vernon Berrangé and Arthur Chaskalson, who defended Bernstein, Nelson Mandela and the other Rivonia accused in Pretoria's Palace of Justice. It was a case of an old Churchill boy and an old Pearce boy defending another old Churchill boy. Chaskalson went on to become democratic South Africa's first chief justice, with fellow Old Hiltonian John Didcott as one of his fellow Constitutional Court judges.

Like trauma surgeon Ken Boffard, who over many years at Milpark and Charlotte Maxeke hospitals saved thousands of lives.

Like plastic surgeon Brian Monaisa, who at Chris Hani Baragwanath Hospital gives dignity to his patients. All fit Raymond Slater's ideal.

Many of you now at Hilton will go on to add your names to that list.

Let me finish by comparing the Hilton I attended 50 years ago with yours of today. We had no television or computers, let alone Instagram or TikTok. The first time I saw TV was on a rugby tour of the then-Rhodesia, when at Falcon College we watched an Elvis Presley film. If we wanted to know the news, or to check a fact, we went to the library to read the newspaper or to use an encyclopaedia. We wrote letters to our parents, though at some point a telephone was installed in the courtyard near the dining hall. For music we played vinyl records.



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After the rising bell, and at shower-time in the afternoons, Led Zeppelin and Deep Purple blasted from the dormitory windows.

Today, you live in a world of instant information that I can't pretend to understand. Facts and connections with other people are only seconds away. Music is at your fingertips. The brain of humankind is constantly at your disposal.

What will Hilton be like in 50 years when it turns 200? Will it still be an all-boys school? Will it still be an all-boarding school? What sports will be played?

All I can assure you is that today's Hilton is a far better school than the one I attended. And if it continues to improve, as under its present leadership it is, those of you who will be assembled here in 2072 will find an even better school.

May you all, and Hilton, go well.



# Head Boy's Address

*Thomas Roy, Head of School*

Mr Chairman, Headmaster, honoured guests, parents, staff and boys: I would like to begin with some thanks.

Mr Harris, thank you for remembering me. Fortunately, my name is in today's programme otherwise Mr Harris might have forgotten me... again. On two occasions – once when I was tasked with addressing the school and the other the new boys and their parents – Mr Harris dismissed the audience before realising he had overlooked my slot. Had I not spent time in my holiday preparing, I would probably have been grateful.

Fulfilling my leadership role would not have been possible without my team. Olwethu [Kweyama], you have been solid and inspirational, strong where I am weak and an indefatigable source of support. Your calm head saved me on multiple occasions during our 10pm chats when I was stressing about something or other.

To the leadership team of 2022, I owe all of you so much. I value the connections I have had with you, and I am grateful for your enormous contribution. Matrics, you are all men of exceptional calibre and I have learnt so much from you. I would also like to acknowledge the consistent support and mentorship we have received from Mr Motlogeloa and Mr Shuttleworth. Seeing the leadership team's faces first thing on a Friday morning was probably not how you wished to start your day.

Mr Harris, again, we are fortunate to have a man of your integrity, intellect and vision steering Hilton College. I appreciate and value your patience, wise advice, and your confidence in me. It has been a privilege working with you, Sir.



Finally, to Mom and Dad, thank you for your support and advice and for always putting up with my nonsense. I am grateful to have you two guiding me.

Our time at Hilton College represents a short but hugely important part of our lives as we transition from boys to young men. As English poet John Milton said, "The childhood shows the man, as morning shows the day." Matrics of 2022, we arrived at Hilton in 2018 knowing we would be the seniors in the year of the school's 150th anniversary. As we progressed through the grades, there was a sense of expectation that we would rise to the occasion, but also a sense of privilege that we would be the lucky few to lead the school in such a momentous year. I believe we can look back satisfied that we have done Hilton proud.

When Hilton boys drive through the McKenzie gates for the first time, more than likely in oversized blazers, we have blank canvases to fill, the opportunity to create masterpieces. We go about it in our own ways, exploring different areas of the school. But every canvas is influenced by the guidance we rely on from our parents, from the staff and from each other.



We have spent the past five years filling, editing and perfecting our canvases. Along the way, we have gathered the materials we have needed to do so. In grade 8 we may be apprehensive, making our paint strokes shaky and uncertain. Traditions and duties fly at us from all directions. However, as we begin to get into the swing of things, we start to relax and become more confident in what we are creating. Our strokes become slightly bolder, and we start to add more colour. Once we are in the senior phase of our schooling, we get bored with the same brush, and begin to explore. Some brushes are thick and heavy, covering large parts of the canvas, while others are soft and thin, making only the tiniest of edits to our evolving masterpieces. Grade 11 arrives, and we start to see our artwork coming together.

My canvas is filled with countless memories, including:

- [Andile] Matsa and Lwenzu [Sibiya] singing and dancing on stage;
- Harry [Bailey] running to raise money for conservation;
- Rourke [Luscombe] becoming the school barber;
- [Justin] Green proving Maths teachers wrong;
- Someone, who shall remain nameless, driving the Hilton buggy down circular drive when he found it unattended;
- June [So] walking the 160-km Grade 10 journey in JCs;
- The school and the stands around Gilfillan erupting when Michàl [de Beer] sliced through the defence and scored under the poles;
- Overhearing Olwethu's late-night calls with his girlfriend when he should have been working; and
- The joy of sharing the Hilton experience with my brother. Thank you, Chris, for your ever-present support. You fill a large and light part of my canvas.

The reality is that our canvases will not only have bright colours but will include shadows as well. The loss of our friend Oyisa [Pupuma] will be a dark space for all of us. But we can thank him for the smiles, the laughs, and all the times our beloved friend entertained us and for bringing us together in what were almost indescribable moments. Our grade stood united in grief outside the chapel, crying together, holding each other up. It is these moments that are so meaningful and add strokes of light in that dark area on my canvas.

And now, as we leave, our canvases are complete, representing a culmination of all that we are. The feeling of finishing that which we started together fortifies the bond that exists between us and all those who have the black and white in their veins and a Fleur-de-Lys in their hearts.

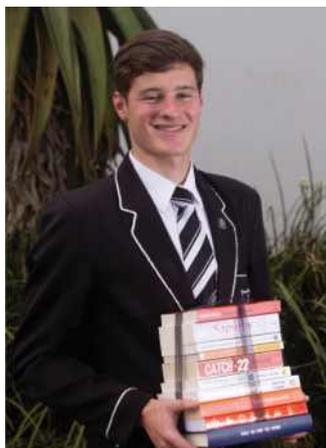
We are forever, boys of Hilton.

In my deliberations about what to share with you today, I came across former president Thabo Mbeki's beautiful and eloquent speech, "I Am an African". It inspired me. So, let me begin:

I am a Hilton boy.

The spirit of the Hilton College community lives within me. I will forever smell the summer storms and misty winter chills and the smelly shoes of the dorm.

I come of those who have spent 150 years forging a path that we have now also journeyed, adding to it our own legacy. My being has been shaped by the values and



traditions of our school which are entrenched in our rich 150-year history.

In my veins course the war cries, the connection, the camaraderie that we share. The goosebumps felt when captains speak on Friday nights before the local derby, and the thrill of running onto playing fields wearing the black and white.

Engrained in my memory is "Lift up your Hearts" resounding off the walls of the chapel, "O Boys of Hilton" echoing down the valley and the silence of the exam hall ringing in my ears.

At times I have found comfort in the stability of the buildings which appear to be protecting me in a world where much is unstable. The beauty of this magnificent place is enough to stir the hearts of even young teenage boys.

I am formed by lessons taught by passionate teachers, the buzz of the banter in the corridors of the Crookes Block and the broad smiles of the friendly service staff.

I have run between the towering wattle trees, snaked my way down the Umgeni on tubes, descended into hidden caves, stood under the waterfalls of Gwens, watched the sun rise from Beacons and the sun set sitting on top of Pinnacles.

I have seen the concrete expression of diversity, trust, friendship and solidarity.

I am of a brotherhood, a cohesive unit of young men. A brotherhood that recognises and celebrates the talents unique to each of us, And uplifts each other in tough times.

A brotherhood that creates an environment in which all of us can feel a sense of belonging.

It provides the opportunity for one and all to state their views and feel comfortable doing so.

All this I know, and know to be true, because I am a Hilton boy.



*Amanda Mhlongo, Khanya Mhlongo and Mpendulo Mhlongo.*



*Clive Stewart, Matthew Stewart and Claire Stewart.*



*Olwethu Kweyama, Thomas Roy, John Conyngham, Andrew Johnston, George Harris, Matthew Stewart and Khanya Mhlongo.*

# Prize List

## A Level

### Grade 12 Subject Prizes

Accounting	<b>Declan Sawyer</b>
Art and Design	<b>Campbell Ivins</b>
Biology	<b>Alistair Howard</b>
Economics	<b>Felix Jenkins</b>
French	<b>Spencer Wright</b>
Further Mathematics	<b>Felix Jenkins</b>
Geography	<b>Alistair Howard</b>
History	<b>Cameron Gray</b>
International Project Qualification	<b>Ryan Basson</b>
Literature in English	<b>Felix Jenkins</b>
Mathematics	<b>Spencer Wright</b>
Physics	<b>Spencer Wright</b>
Thinking Skills	<b>Felix Jenkins</b>
Dux Prize	<b>Felix Jenkins</b>

### Grade 11 Commendation Prizes

Buthulwazi Buthelezi, Tristan Hockly, Raheel Mottiar, Connor Woods

## IEB

### Grade 12 Subject Prizes

John Lewis Prize for Accounting	<b>Tristan Paton</b>
Paul Bestel Memorial Prize for French	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French	<b>Charlie Foster</b> <b>Kwame Huyberechts</b>
Prav Iyer Award for Further Studies Mathematics	<b>Justin Green</b>
R F J Hayward VC Memorial Prize for Geography	<b>Tristan Paton</b>
J E Nisbet Prize for History	<b>Thomas Roy</b>
The Evan Brown Prize for isiZulu	<b>Buhle Gqwaaru</b> <b>Olwethu Kweyama</b>
Mervyn Lloyd Prize for Life Sciences	<b>Callum Lupton-Smith</b>
Nicholas Arthur Memorial Prize for Mathematics	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
D V Ducasse Prize for Physical Science	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
Kenneth Beghin Memorial Prize for Visual Arts Theory	<b>Adam Wesselink</b>
Practical	<b>Flynn Newell</b>
Afrikaans	<b>Zack van Niekerk</b>
Dramatic Arts	<b>Ross Taylor</b>
Economics	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
Engineering Graphics and Design	<b>Rourke Luscombe</b>
English	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
Further Studies English	<b>Travis Lord</b>
Information Technology	<b>Connor Paton</b>
Life Orientation	<b>Tanner Bailey</b>
Mathematical Literacy	<b>Matthew Sara</b>
Music	<b>Charlie Foster</b>

### Grade 11 Subject Prizes

Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French	<b>Tayedza Jaravaza</b> <b>Minenhle Makhathini</b>
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### Grade 11 AS Level

Accounting	<b>Tristan Hockly</b>
Biology	<b>Wian Liebenberg</b>
Cambridge International Project Qualification	<b>Kearabetswe Khoele</b> <b>and Wian Liebenberg</b>
Chemistry	<b>Senathi Makola</b>
Economics	<b>Daniel Hathorn</b>
English Language and Literature	<b>Tristan Hockly</b>
English Literature	<b>Ayanda Ninela</b>
French	<b>Joaquim Ozoux</b>
Geography	<b>Jason Dix</b>
History	<b>Connor Woods</b>
Mathematics	<b>Gabriel Njonjo</b>
Physics	<b>Senathi Makolaz</b>

Accounting	<b>Zimele Khumalo</b>
Afrikaans	<b>Stéfan Swart</b>
Dramatic Arts	<b>Caleb Venter</b>
Economics	<b>Khanya Mhlongo</b>
Engineering Graphics and Design	<b>Adam Cole</b>
English	<b>Khanya Mhlongo</b>
Extended Essay	<b>Nic Thorburn</b>
French	<b>Zimele Khumalo</b>
Further Studies English	<b>Caleb Venter</b>
Further Studies Mathematics	<b>Luke Hancock</b>
Geography	<b>Matthew Stewart</b>
History	<b>Khanya Mhlongo</b>
Information Technology	<b>Lebo Legodi</b>
IsiZulu	<b>Bandile Shabalala</b>
Life Sciences	<b>Nic Thorburn</b>
Mathematical Literacy	<b>Jehan Thipanyane-Said</b>
Mathematics	<b>Luke Hancock</b>
Music	<b>Kieran Griffin</b>
Physical Sciences	<b>Zimele Khumalo</b>
Visual Arts Practical	<b>Daniel Holtzhausen</b>
Visual Arts Theory	<b>Ruben Marx</b>

### Grade 10 Subject Prizes

Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French	<b>Sean Kamau</b> <b>Thuto Phakisi</b>
Afrikaans	<b>Ben le Roux</b>
Accounting	<b>William Chien</b>
Dramatic Arts	<b>Siyamkela Maphumulo</b>
Economics	<b>Kigen Chepkonga</b>
Engineering Graphics and Design	<b>James Moore</b>
English	<b>William Kitching</b>
French	<b>Katlego Moncho</b>
Geography	<b>William Kitching</b>
History	<b>Luke Spear</b>
Information Technology	<b>Ben le Roux</b>
IsiZulu	<b>Siyamkela Maphumulo</b>

Life Sciences . . . . . **William Kitching**  
 Mathematics . . . . . **Connor Sawyer**  
 Music . . . . . **Kigen Chepkonga**  
 Physical Sciences . . . . . **William Kitching**  
 Visual Arts Practical . . . . . **Charlie Short**  
 Visual Arts Theory. . . . . **Charlie Short**

**Grade 9**

Griffin Memorial Prize. . . . . **Neil Grobbelaar**

**Top pupils in Grade 9:**

André Boshoff, Ben Erasmus, Erin Kihara, Reinard Wagner

**Grade 8**

AJ Cook Prize . . . . . **William Segar**

**Top Pupils in Grade 8:**

Nyiko Mabunda, Khalane Moletsane, Luke Wilson,  
 Matthew Wilson

**Commendation Prizes**

**Grade 11**

Guy Harcourt, Zimele Khumalo, Ruben Marx, Nkululeko Ngcobo

**Grade 10**

Grant Bridgeford, Kigen Chepkonga, Siyamkela Maphumulo, Jack Weavind

**Grade 9**

André Boshoff, Ben Erasmus, Josh Grant, Neil Grobbelaar, Reinard Wagner

**Grade 8**

Jack Kitching, Joshua Lord, Kagiso Magasa, William Segar, Ross Steyn

**Special Prizes**

L A B Sharpe Memorial Prize for English  
**Ross Taylor** (*Durban Preparatory High School*)

The Derek Veenstra Prize for Creative Writing  
**William Kitching** (*Howick Preparatory School*)

Senior Verse Prize  
**Benjamin Guimaraens** (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Junior Writer's Prize  
**Neil Grobbelaar** (*Jan Celliers Primary*)

E P Chapman Memorial Prize for Debating  
**Khanya Mhlongo** (*Reddam House, Umhlanga*)

Vera Burke Memorial Prize for Dramatic Arts  
**Andile Matsa** (*Midstream College*)

Frederic Tatham Memorial Essay Prize for History  
**Ross Taylor** (*Durban Preparatory High School*)

Bassett-Smith Memorial Prize for Science  
**Ben Kok** (*The Ridge School*)

Normand Dunn Prize for Visual Arts  
**Flynn Newell** (*The Ridge School*)

Band Prize  
**Siya Buthelezi** (*St Martin's School*)

Choral Prize  
**Ndalo Gumede** (*Drakensberg Boys' Choir School*)

UKZN Trophy and Sir Henry Strakosch Scholarship (for excellence in Mathematics and Science)  
**William Kitching** (*Howick Preparatory School*)

Derek Veenstra Memorial Scholarship  
**William Kitching** (*Howick Preparatory School*)

The Drimie Scholarship  
**Ruben Marx** (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

D'Urban Armstrong Memorial Prize (best 2021 IEB results)  
**Richard Karlson** (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Doris Essery Memorial Prize (traditionally to the Head of School)  
**Thomas Roy** (*The Ridge School*)

Richard Johnston Memorial Prize  
**Harry Bailey** (*Clifton School, Durban*)

Philia Prize in recognition of integrity and moral courage  
**Olwethu Kweyama** (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)

Noel Freebody Memorial Prize for Fellowship  
**Joel Kitshoff** (*Cowan House*)

The Karabo Ché Mokoape Prize  
**Siya Buthelezi** (*St Martin's School*)

1942 Matric Class Award  
**Matthew Sara** (*Cordwalles Preparatory*)  
**Jack Waterhouse** (*St David's Marist*)

Carl Klingenberg Memorial Prize (best all-rounder in Grade 12)  
**Siya Buthelezi** (*St Martin's School*)

Chairman's Prize (to a top academic who has contributed significantly)  
**Matt Rout** (*Highbury Preparatory School*)

Dick Graham Memorial Prize (best Trials Results)  
**Tanner Bailey** (*Clifton School, Durban*)

Paul Harrison Scholar  
**Khanya Mhlongo**

Ross Osborn Scholar  
**Matthew Stewart**



## Administration and Finance

It was wonderful to offer our boys an uninterrupted programme during 2022, and with that the opportunity to meet with friend and foe on the sports fields once again. As life returned to normal, for the first time since 2020, so too did our spending and our fee income.

Our investment in the accounts department appears to have paid off, providing parents with attentive and qualified assistance when it is sought.

Last year was the second year in which parents have had the option to pay fees annually, termly or monthly, and we have seen a reduction in queries and an improvement in our collections.

Mrs Priscilla Tenga, who joined our team in January 2022, has a wealth of knowledge using the TPN credit bureau system. The integration of this with our accounting system occurred late in 2022. This allows feedback of payment behavior to parents via SMS, and also to the bureau, thus impacting credit profiles either positively or negatively. This is proving to be a strong tool in our collection process. Our much-loved Stock Exchange manager, Mrs Caroline Howard, left us to move closer to home, providing her experience and care to families at St John's DSG in Pietermaritzburg. She has been ably replaced by Ms Kerry Pepworth. Kerry had a baptism by fire, starting at the busiest time in the Stock Exchange calendar, in the fourth term, ensuring that new boys were kitted out in their uniforms. We are grateful for her quick learning and calm manner in attending to her duties. I am certain she will make her mark, as Caroline did.

**Kim Martin**  
*Director of Finance*

## Advancement

At the end of 2021, as we emerged from Covid-19 and the associated restrictions on movement and in-person interaction, we had almost forgotten what a festive, noisy campus felt like.

But, then, BANG! We entered 2022, the year of the 150th celebrations. The biggest series of parties ever thrown by the school thrust Hilton College into a better world. During the last week of April, over 12,000 people passed through the McKenzie Gates. The impressive number of visitors aside, the true significance of this occasion lies in the countless new connections that were forged and the revitalisation of old relationships. It was a privilege to see

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Old Hiltonians who hadn't seen each other in decades recognising and embracing one another. Moreover, it was inspiring to see our boys interact with our alumni, and to feel the energy and enthusiasm radiating from the parents of pupils past and present.

Upon reflection, two aspects have played a pivotal role in sustaining Hilton College as a remarkable institution over the past 150 years. Firstly, it is the generations of exceptional individuals associated with Hilton who have made a lasting impact. Secondly, the remarkable generosity of many of these individuals has significantly contributed to the success of our school. We were fortunate to witness several benefactors using the occasion of our 150th celebrations to pledge increased contributions, while new benefactors also joined our cause. Thanks to the Chamberlain family, the Letschert family, and Stephen Crookes, we now have a magnificent new music facility. Additionally, Gerald Fox's endowment has established an Arts Scholarship, and Andrew Dunn's fund continues to be extremely generous in support of families who require financial assistance to become Hiltonians.

Another important legacy of the 150th year has been the school's decision, inspired by the support that the celebrations received, to place a higher priority on sustainable connection between Hiltonians over various generations across the world. The two most important initiatives in support of this new emphasis have been:

- A modernised and cohesive Advancement team. To prepare for the big year that was, we merged enrolment, alumni relations, fundraising, enterprise development, communications and marketing into one cohesive team. This structure will remain in place for the foreseeable future allowing us to engage more efficiently and effectively across the Hilton College community.
- The development of [Hiltonties.com](http://Hiltonties.com), an innovative platform that facilitates enhanced virtual and in-person connections among Old Hiltonians, current Hilton boys, and parents. By the time you read this edition of *The Hiltonian* magazine, you will have had the opportunity to explore this platform, enabling you to list and search for job opportunities within organisations owned and managed by Hiltonians, participate in mentorship programmes with fellow Hiltonians (including mentoring pupils), showcase your

business, and stay abreast of the latest events and news within our community.

Identifying and attracting the most suitable boys for Hilton is a year-round effort. Long gone are the days of waiting for applications to come in. We now proactively travel the continent to introduce Hilton College to prospective families, inviting them to visit our campus. We remain confident that once parents have experienced the beauty of our estate, seen our exceptional facilities, and engaged with our dedicated staff and boys, they will be willing to make significant sacrifices to give their sons a Hilton education.

Grade 8 2023 enrolment activities included:

- Five “Welcome Days” giving prospective families the opportunity to meet Hilton staff and take guided tours of our campus alongside Hilton boys. These days provided a warm introduction to our school community.
- Five “Meet the Headmaster” evenings held in homes across the country. These intimate gatherings allowed families to personally interact with our headmaster and gain insights into our educational philosophy.
- Enrolment trips to Botswana and Kenya, where families could explore the rich cultural and educational experiences our school offers to international students.
- Hundreds of online and in-person “family interviews” to understand each applicant’s unique background and aspirations, ensuring a comprehensive evaluation process.
- A “MasterClass” weekend designed for prospective boys. This event allowed them to experience first-hand Hilton’s innovative approach to teaching and learning.
- An overnight “Estate Experience” that immersed applicants in our school farm and nature reserve. This unique encounter showcased the natural beauty and educational opportunities available at Hilton.
- A “New Boys’ Weekend” that brought together more than 200 families, providing them with valuable insights to aid them in deciding on a high school for their sons.

These initiatives have resulted in unprecedented interest in our school, and at the beginning of 2023 we had 600 pupils enrolled, which is a record high. However, there is much work still to be done. We aspire to assess applicants solely on the basis of merit, irrespective of a family’s financial circumstances.

Every year, we have to turn away excellent applicants who cannot afford a Hilton College education. A healthier endowment fund is imperative.

To encourage more consistent giving and support, we have made our donation process more flexible. Donors can now make quick payments and choose which of our four funds they would like to support. We urge all Hiltonians to consider various ways of contributing, such as donating an ox to our Cattle Project, becoming a monthly donor, leaving a bequest in their will, or collaborating with us on a customised donor project. Go to [hiltoncollege.com](http://hiltoncollege.com) to find out more.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Anton Jooste, the chairman of the Old Hiltonian Club and a governor of the Hiltonian Society, for his tireless support in all these endeavours. We would also like to acknowledge the exceptional work of Angelique Ardé (communications manager), Maralyn Atkins (marketing manager), Trish Davidson (enrolment administrator), Vuyi Gwala (receptionist and transport coordinator), and Amanda Pistorius (alumni relations manager). Their creativity and unwavering dedication have been invaluable. We are delighted that Brett Armstrong, our 150th coordinator, will continue to support the team in a full-time capacity. Sadly, we bade farewell in 2022 to Kirsty Foster (enrolment partner), who after four years of overseeing excellent intakes, has permanently relocated to Johannesburg.

However, we warmly welcome Thutu Jili, her highly capable replacement, who joins us from Highbury. We all look forward to continuing to work with boys, Old Hiltonians and parents to build Hilton College together in the years to come.

**Pete Storrar**  
*Director of Advancement*



## Belonging

An old Jewish proverb holds that in front of every human being walks an angel proclaiming, "Behold, the image of God". It is with this idea of the sanctity of every member of the wider Hilton College community that Mr Paul Venter and Mr Siphon Moniwa took up the task of guiding the journey of belonging.

The boys committee, led by Spencer Wright, coordinated a number of important events in the year. This included a lunch put on for all the ground, buildings and security staff on Workers' Day, where the boys cooked and served the meal.

Africa Day was celebrated with a special lunch, and staff and boys being invited to wear their African dress. On Youth Day the boys watched a wonderful and poignant production of a Night in Soweto that used music and words to immerse them in the events of the 16 June 1976. Mr Moniwa and a number of senior boys held a panel discussion on the same day where the agency of youth was discussed. On Women's Day the boys attended a special assembly led by Mr Venter, Mr Burger Nel and Ms Carolyn Van Zuydam. The belonging committee also played a role in making the Armistice Day chapel service more inclusive.

The school recognizes that the journey to belonging is a long one and that indeed those involved in it are prophets of a future that we will not see, yet the pilgrimage is a vitally important one as Hilton College continues to create a space where every member of its community has a voice.

**Paul Venter**

*Director of Belonging*

## Chaplain's Report

*"We pray, O Lord, that Thou wilt make this school as a field which the Lord hath blessed; that whatsoever things are true, pure, noble, and of good report may here forever flourish and abound."*

On 28 January 2022 Hilton College celebrated its 150th anniversary with a service of thanksgiving. Our school year had opened with energetic anticipation for this day; congregational singing practises, choir practises, catering arrangements all fell wonderfully in place.

As the procession lined up to enter the chapel, former chaplain Rev Kevin Robertson delighted in telling us that the stole the Hilton chaplain kept tripping over (Kevin is a foot taller than me) was his handiwork. He had cut two Hilton badges off old rugby jerseys and sewed them onto his black stole. I appreciate well-timed reminders not to take ourselves too seriously.

Our guest preacher, Pastor Rory Dyer, passionately reminded us that Hilton College is built on the foundation of our faith in Christ and His righteousness. Expounding on the example of Boaz in the book of Ruth and the biblical concept of gleaning, we were exhorted not to "reap to the edge of your field. Make sure that when other people come into your life, your resources can bless and restore them." This generosity of spirit lies at the heart of our school prayer and was a theme we kept before us in chapel through the year.

Fortuitously our Head of Spirituality for 2022 was Rory's son, Thomas Dyer. Thomas, as captain of the first XV, is a giant on the rugby field. However, his gentle, compassionate prayer for our grade 8 boys at their welcome service would have melted every parent's heart



Sean McGuigan

and settled the most nervous new boy. It was a joy to work with Thomas and I am grateful for the humility, honesty and good humour he brought to the role, together with the example he set for the many who look up to him.

In addition to celebrating 150 years in 2022 we celebrated the lifting of Covid restrictions. This meant Christian Fellowship visits with other schools once again involved full venues, passionate singing and unmasked laughter. It also meant our grade 10s could enjoy Inward Bound at Emseni campsite after a three-year hiatus.

Inward Bound offers opportunity for boys to reflect on and grow in their own journey of faith. Inward Bound stretches the boys with thought-provoking talks. Our guest speakers, anesthesiologist Prof Reitze Rodseth and Christian apologist Mr Jonathon de Beer, impressed with their ability to hold the attention of 115 boys while offering a well-argued case for faith. Inward Bound also speaks to a boy's heart. Each of the 10 staff members present shared, often with brave vulnerability, their own faith story. And the dynamic Gradon Scholtz led our worship. It wasn't just talking and praying! Most of our time is set aside for fun, whether in "free time," or through structured activities led by outdoor educator Dirk Calitz. I received many letters of gratitude from the boys. Here is a quote from one of them:

"I have never had the opportunity on a camp to solely think about my identity and my spirituality, and I wholeheartedly appreciate the opportunity you have given me to connect with God further. The testimonies given by each of the teachers was truly eye-opening and helped me realize that everyone has their own unique spiritual journey with God. I realized that I had to lean on my faith in God more often and trust in Him to protect and guide me through life."

A few weeks after Inward Bound I joined the grade 10s for the Journey. The highlight for me is visiting with as many boys as I am able toward the end of the 24 hours in solitude. You can imagine my great joy when Mr James Robey told me a highlight for the Newnham boys was the chaplain's visit!

The profound and moving experiences at these camps are important for young people. However, it is the routine pattern of worship in our chapel that grounds us. Worship



is enriched by music and I am very grateful to Mr David Orr for so humbly and graciously sharing his outstanding skill on the organ, week in and week out. We pray that his move to Somerset College will be rich with blessing. I am also grateful to Miss Simone van Niekerk who has been working with our enthusiastic Christian Fellowship band. I look forward to them leading us in chapel soon.

Ministry to the boys and staff of Hilton College is deeply rewarding and I am grateful to God and to the school for this wonderful privilege.

**Reverend Sean McGuigan**  
*Chaplain*

## Catholic Society

A number of boys regularly attended catechism classes at St Joseph's Cedara on Wednesday evenings. This was in preparation for their confirmation that will occur in 2023. At the end of the year, we bade farewell to Fr Chris Richmond. Fr Chris was Parish Priest of St Joseph's since 2018 and played an important role in guiding and teaching the Hilton boys. It was apt that he was part of the 150th anniversary chapel service and the school thanks him for his ministry.

**Paul Venter**  
*Master in Charge*

## Conservation

### Estate activities

The first few weekends of the year were spent introducing the grade 8 boys to the estate to encourage them to get out on their own in the afternoons and on the weekends. The new boys were also given the opportunity to join the Conservation staff on the estate on their off-sport days and on Sunday mornings. Many took advantage of this opportunity but sadly a number have not been inclined to get out and enjoy what is a wonderful resource.

### Photo competition

The competition was held in the fourth term. A number of boys submitted excellent photographs using their cell phone cameras. The eventual winners were William Kitching, for his panoramic shot of the school taken from the pastures below Laundry Lane, and Josh Aitken, for his photo of the rapids below the lapa on the Umgeni River.

### Adventure series

This year there were four events in the competition. An adventure race, a trail run, a mountain bike race and a fishing competition. Going into the final event, the fishing competition, both Churchill and Pearce were in contention, however, on the day Robbie James' angling skills were unmatched and Pearce retained the trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

### Awards and Prizes

- Estate Ties. Victor Compton was awarded an Estate Tie for his willingness to give up his time to guide visitors on the estate. He is a passionate angler and introduced a number of boys to the sport. He actively assisted in moving bass, which needed relocation as a result of work on the dam wall. He also assisted by monitoring the camera traps set up on the estate.
- Prizes. The prize for the boy who has shown the most interest in the estate and contributed the most to the estate was awarded to Oliver Crowe.

### Ifa Lethu Johnny Lowe Memorial Trust Experience

In 2022 this opportunity was made available to two grade 11 boys, Michael Sara and Adam Cole. They spent four days with a number of other young people in the Weenen Nature Reserve. They attended lectures by authorities in the field of conservation and sustainability and got to experience the work done by researchers in these fields.

### Recycling

Hilton continues to recycle waste from the boarding houses and staff homes. With the school getting back to normal, there has been a need to get back to and to improve recycling of waste from school functions and Saturday sports fixtures.

There are still some challenges with regards to the various contractors at Hilton, but slowly everyone seems to be getting on board.

### Aviary

The aviary has had a very good year. We have largely managed to keep the egg-eating snakes out and most of the species have bred well.

### Aquariums

The large tank in the centre was used this year as a Koi-breeding tank monitored by the boys. The fish have been healthy, but their growth has been slower than expected.

### Bird hides

We have done maintenance on the Jermain Bird hide behind Churchill house. In particular we worked on the artificial wetland and reintroduced the necessary plants.

### Estate drives

Once again, we would like to thank the Karkloof Reserve

for allowing us to take boys and staff across the Umgeni River to this nature reserve. It is real privilege to be able to make use of it and we are appreciative.

### Beacons

Towards the end of the year, we set about building a ladder over the fence at Beacons to allow boys access to the Beacon. Our neighbour, Mr Fred Wörner, has agreed to this and it is great our boys can once again stand at the Beacon without having broken any rules.

### Farm dams

These dams are often fished by boys and the increased amount of weed has made fishing difficult. So next year this will be one of our tasks.

**Michael Mill**

*Wildlife Centre Manager*

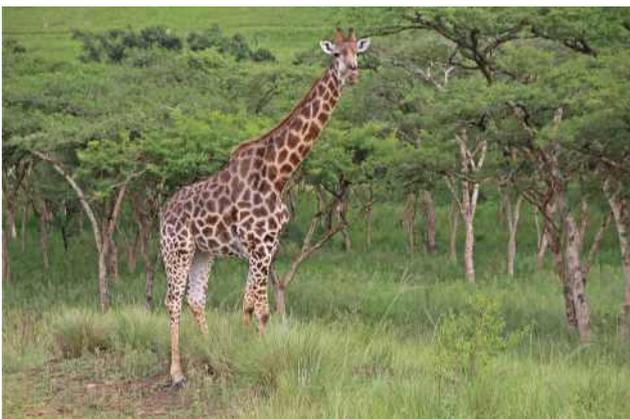
## Facilities and Estate

Last year we witnessed some interesting activity on the estate.

Some very fortunate staff members were able to capture rare photographic evidence of rarely seen mammals. Mr Kwanda Sibiyi captured a short video of an aardvark in broad daylight near the Point whilst on one of his customary runs. Mrs Nadine Webb took a video of an African weasel near the front door of Falcon house whilst on her early morning run. Some trail cameras placed out on the estate revealed the presence of aardvark, porcupine, caracal, serval, black-backed jackal, genet, bush pig, oribi and even an occasional brown hyaena. It is hoped that boys will get more involved in the trail camera programme and possibly contribute to research on some of these animals. We hope to increase the number of trail cameras over time.

There have been occasional reports of leopard being sighted on neighbouring properties and we look forward with anticipation to capturing a glimpse of this elusive animal on the Hilton College estate.

The road down to the Umgeni River was severely damaged by heavy rains over two seasons and we were able to



grade it in November. It does need to be resurfaced but this will be a very expensive exercise.

### Alien Plant Control

The high rainfall has hampered the ongoing efforts of the Alien Plant Control (APC) team. But they continue to do good work in eradicating various alien invasive plants on the estate. It is a never-ending task as birds and other animals spread the seeds of these plants far and wide, but significant inroads have been made in many areas over time. Provided we remain on task, we will hopefully gain the upper hand. We were once again fortunate to have a small team of five young people from the YES programme form part of the APC team.

### Supply dams

Repair work commenced on the middle supply dam before it was put on hold due to extremely wet weather. The work will be completed in the dry season of 2023.

### Visitors

The grade 8 camp took place successfully with the boys being based at the Henley lapa camping areas and walking the length and breadth of the estate. The grade 9 Camp Ubuntu made good use of the camping areas at the Umgeni. And the grade 11 leadership camp also took place at the lapa. Under the guidance of Mr Michael Mill, various smaller groups of boys camped down at the lapa through the course of the year.

Other visitors included 1st Hilton Scouts group [and] St Annes.

Specialist guide John Roff guided a walk focusing on the wildflowers of Hilton College and other guided experiences are being considered.



Cycling has been re-opened and memberships are very slowly building up again.

### Staff movements

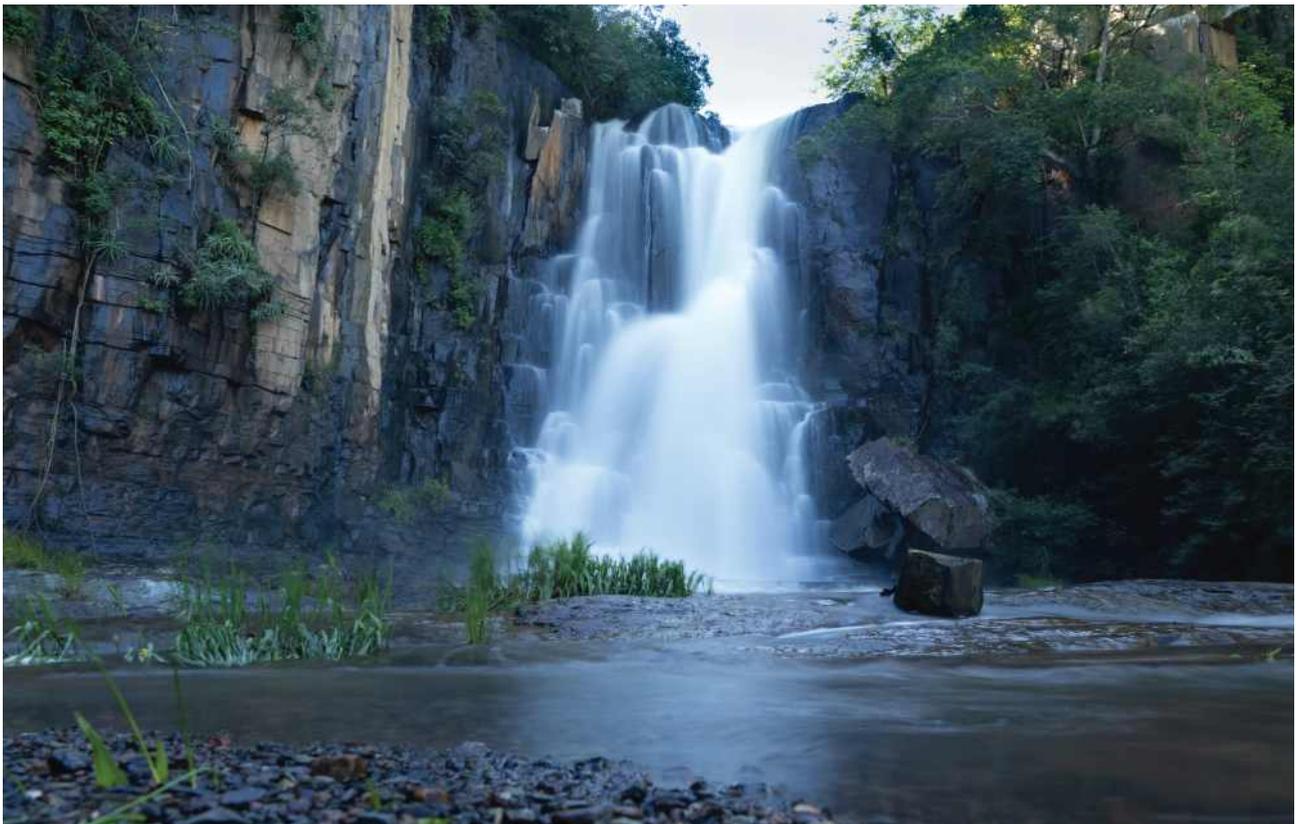
Mr Nhlanhla Shilembe resigned at the end of 2022 to take up a position with Conservation Outcomes. Mr Shilembe had been working in the conservation department for many years and had been involved with many outdoor activities on the estate including the President's Award and the grade 10 Journey. While he will be missed, we wish him well in his new position.

**Sean Lindsay**

*Facilities and Estate Manager*

## Farm

Farmers and the weather. We always talk about and monitor the weather to make decisions, however, as we all know, it is never in our control.





### Timber

Last year was very wet, possibly one of the wettest years in decades. We had long periods of drizzle and overcast weather, and some incredible downpours, lightning storms, and hailstorms.

In November the one-year-old wattle trees (30ha) on Beacons Plantation were hit by an angry hailstorm and 12ha of trees were severely damaged, causing lesions on the young trunks. So much so that they needed to be cut back to 20cm above the ground to reshoot. These young trees will require additional care and pruning this winter.

### Fire Season

Autumn and winter had excellent weather (cool days with moderate winds) resulting in all firebreaks being completed on time, by the end of July. There were only a few red FDI days (strong winds, low humidity and high temperatures) during the fire season.

### Cattle

There were some outbreaks of foot-and-mouth throughout South Africa, which resulted in cattle not being purchased from cattle sale yards. Sourcing uniform groups of cattle became challenging, and in a few instances, the weight and quality within the group varied quite a bit. This can be a problem when we come to sell. Five hundred and fifty 2021 weaners were sold in January and February. Two hundred of the 750 weaners that were purchased in May and June 2022 were sold in December.

**Rowan Welsford**

*Estate General Manager*



## Gwens Stream Estates

2023 will represent a milestone in the life of Gwens Stream Estates (GSE). It is 15 years since the company was registered in 2008, with the express purpose of managing the residential developments planned for the Hilton College estate. The vision was to identify limited areas within the estate suitable for development as high-value residential property, and to manage their development, with the single intent of growing the funds of the Hilton College Endowment Foundation. The foundation is the sole shareholder in Gwens Stream Estates.

Last year brought to a close a major chapter for GSE with the retirement as a director, in November, of Mick Hyatt. Mick had initiated the discussions on the board in the mid-2000s which led first to the commissioning of an Integrated Development Plan for the estate, and subsequently to the idea of realizing the latent value in areas of the estate in order to augment the funds in the Endowment Foundation. He championed the project from the start, communicating the advantages to the members of The Society, which resulted in the decision to proceed with the sale of up to 100ha of the estate for residential development. Mick served as one of three directors of GSE over the next 15 years, where his experience and leadership were always in evidence. The current directors, Chris Tod (chairman), Iain McMillan and Carl Jankowitz, join all Hiltonians in thanking Mick for his extraordinary contribution to Hilton, in many areas, but specifically through his work in GSE.

The first of GSE's projects was The Gates at Hilton, now firmly established as a prestigious and popular estate, serving as the flagship for future endeavours. Residents of The Gates enjoy the peaceful rural setting, the beautifully maintained property, and the opportunities to share in the wider Hilton College estate.

The planning of such developments, and the challenging approval processes required, are often frustratingly protracted. That has certainly been the case with The Dairy at Hilton, GSE's next project. The Dairy is to be developed on the north-facing slopes above the school's water supply dams, where previous agricultural lands lie within areas of precious Midlands Mistbelt Grasslands, so the environmental authorisation process required careful identification and avoidance of the grasslands. With the assistance of specialists and Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife that was accomplished, the authorization being confirmed towards the end of 2020.

This was followed by the application to sub-divide and develop, lodged with the Municipal Planning Authority in terms of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act. This again proved to be a frustratingly protracted process, the approval being received only in March 2022. As had been anticipated, the decision was appealed, but we were delighted to receive the expected decision, upholding the approval, by Christmas 2022.

Last year, therefore, delivered real progress towards the commencement of The Dairy. We await now only the issuing of a Water Use Licence and expect 2023 to see activity around the installation of the infrastructure within the new estate.

Despite the delays in getting The Dairy to this point, support for the project remains both strong and enthusiastic. With no real marketing and reliance principally on word of mouth, 75% of the 78 properties within The Dairy have been reserved. We look forward to fulfilling the promise and delivering another outstanding development. Offering exceptional views of the Drakensberg and the Karkloof, it will consist of three secure residential villages, surrounded by carefully protected indigenous grasslands which are to be included within the extended Hilton College Nature Reserve.

Also in the pipeline is The Oaks at Hilton, a smaller estate to be located opposite The Gates on Hilton College Road. The environmental authorisation is in place, and the application to develop is being processed by uMngeni.

**Iain McMillan**  
Executive Director

## Hilton Arts Festival

The 30th anniversary festival ran from 23 to 25 September.

It was with slight trepidation that the decision was made to proceed with a festival in 2022. After a two-year Covid-19 gap, a depressed economy, the hazardous N3 highway between Durban and Hilton, and severely reduced sponsorship, it was a risky decision to take. However, driven by the sure knowledge that the arts are one of the most vital parts of a balanced society and a key element in education, we forged ahead.

With the weather playing along (no wind, no rain), crafters and visual artists welcomed a steady flow of visitors all weekend. All productions were well supported, with several selling out. The community of performers, artists



Harry Lock

*Aaron McIlroy and Lisa Bobbert in Go Big!*

and crafters who, over the years, have become a firm part of the success of the festival, were overwhelming in their praise, excited to be back.

Stand-out productions and exhibitions included Firefly, Urban Circus and John Meyer's Mandela: A Life's Journey. The latter was at Hilton thanks to the generosity of Old Hiltonian and benefactor Andrew Dunn. The new Chamberlain Music Block was used well before its official opening, and certainly raised the bar for music potential during the festival.

The organisers wish to thank Hilton College for continued support of this vital event. There are already big plans for 2023.

**Sue Clarence**  
Founder of the Hilton Arts Festival



Harry Lock

*Cast members of the highly acclaimed Whistleblowers.*



Harry Lock

*Jongosi Youth Programme audiences*

## Museum and Archives

In 2022 we completed the first round of renovations to the museum. There is now a larger office area for the curator to work in, as well as a reception space which has formed the hub of the activities in the museum this year. This space allows for visitors to relax and chat while enjoying refreshments, or just a space to meet. The large bookcases which were housed in this area have been moved back into the museum and now frame the fireplace. Other changes will take place in this space when the rest of the renovations are undertaken.

The thinking behind the main displays in the museum is to change them every year in the second term. As mentioned in last year's report, the focus areas for 2022 were the sinking of the Birkenhead, the anniversary of Guy Falcon's death and the foundation of the chapel. These displays drew much attention from visitors during the year. Several fascinating items kept in the archives were made part of these displays.

On 27 February 2022 a memorial service was held at the grave of Guy Falcon, who was buried there 100 years ago on that day. A small group of staff and pupils attended this noteworthy event. A small booklet with photographs taken on the day, as well as some copies of items from the display in the museum, was presented to the Falcon family.

A main goal has been to increase the number of visitors to the museum. To assist with this, CCTV cameras were installed, which means that during the school day, the museum can be left open so that boys and staff can come and go as they wish. It has been wonderful to note the number of boys who have visited the museum in the afternoon, now that it is open and more accessible.

Popular with staff during the year have been:

- Teatime coffee breaks in the museum;
- A weekly "Friday from the Archives" post on Teams to all staff; and
- Two evening events, giving staff an opportunity to visit the museum while enjoying a glass of wine and a snack.

Some tutor groups were also welcomed to the museum during the weekly tutor's period, making yet another avenue for access open to boys. Further collaboration with academic departments is planned, tying the study of curriculum with museum displays.

Some years ago, three pieces of furniture were given to the school by Old Hiltonian Mr David Rawdon for use in the then bachelor's mess. One of these has been in the museum for some time, but 2022 saw the second of them being reunited. This item is a spectacular large dining table which can seat 12 or more people. This has made it possible for the museum to also become a meeting venue. Meetings held in the year have included a Board of

*It has been wonderful to note the number of boys who have visited the museum in the afternoon, now that it is open and more accessible.*

Governors meeting, board sub-committee meetings, a meeting of local headmasters and headmistresses, as well as a number of academic department meetings. Hopefully the third piece of furniture will eventually make its way to the museum, bringing the full collection back for the first time in more than 30 years.

Another item which was welcomed into the museum (housed in the reception area) is a beautiful piano donated to the school in 1958 by a mother in memory of her son. It is hoped that this will be used in future events in the museum.

During the year the museum was blessed with the donation of several artifacts, books, photographs, and other items by Old Hiltonians. These are always gratefully received and placed into the collection. No museum can ever display every item it has at one time: the goal is to have constantly changing displays and therefore include different items from time to time. We have also been able to purchase several important items during the year. Several interesting items found during some of the building operations this year were also brought to the museum. I am grateful to those who rescued these for archival purposes, whether they be documents or other artifacts. There is a strong "throw away" culture in the school, making future research difficult, if not impossible. I have been happy to make regular contributions to "In Black and White" during the year, highlighting interesting items from the museum and archives.

In an attempt to further imbue the history of the school into boys, I instituted a programme of visiting two boarding houses a year to speak about the history of the house and its establishment. Pearce house and Churchill house were visited in 2022 during house prayers. Both presentations were well received by the boys and staff of the houses, one of which resulted in the return to the museum of two items which had been misplaced.

In last year's report I raised concerns about our inadequate air-conditioning system, which has yet to be addressed. It is disconcerting to arrive back after a holiday to discover items in the museum covered in mold. Hopefully 2023 will see action in this regard to ensure longer-term preservation of all items archived and on display.

**Bruce MacLachlan**  
*Heritage Curator*

## Theatre

2022 was a year punctuated by attempts to resurrect the remains of an arts sector decimated by Covid. As restrictions began to ease, the Hilton College Theatre relaunched with a dazzling production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, a collaboration with St Anne's Diocesan College and Cowan House Preparatory School. The show, which played to full houses every night during the 150th celebratory week, was a hybrid version of the production that allowed for maximum participation of learners and community members, but with as few performers on stage as possible, given the fear of Covid hanging over the pre-production process. An incredible recording of a professional live orchestra, working with an onstage band and backing vocals by choirs from participating schools, meant that the production team was able to bring all of these elements into the live performance space, along with interactive AV and projection mapping technology on stage. It was an incredible undertaking, involving nearly 1000 professional musicians, technicians and students, and a very appropriate way to mark the return to live performance in the venue.

Nationally, theatres focused on small ensemble productions (solo acts like chanteuse Tonya Koenderman's *Growing Old Disgracefully*, which played in our theatre) as many production houses found themselves financially constrained owing to Covid. Pietermaritzburg and the Midlands were not exempt from these issues – uncertainty around the maintenance and re-opening of community theatre spaces, including the Hexagon at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, meant that much of the community-based traffic was directed to the Hilton College Theatre as a working regional theatre space servicing a much broader

spectrum of performances than would normally appear on the stage.

As a result, it was the year of showcases. Local dance school and performance academies had been denied the ability to maximise the tangible aspects of their businesses – actual performances for people who pay for their very specific services. The Hilton College Theatre played host to:

- The wonderfully quirky and innovative production of *Alice in Wonderland* by the Hilton School of Ballet;
- Cape Town City Ballet, in association with the KZN Youth Ballet Company's production of *Peter Pan and Tinkerbell*, choreographed by legendary ballet dancer Robin van Wyk;
- The Midlands Dance Theatre Centre's performance of *Unstoppable*;
- The American Ballet Awards and the Regional Bursary Awards performances;
- The Dance Warehouse's epic aerial and silks presentation *Greatest Hits*;
- Gracepointe School of Ballet's beautiful and intimate retelling of *The Snow Queen*;
- The Julia Powell Ballet & Pilates Studio's variety show *Earth, Sea, Fire and Ice – A Dance Creation*. And *The Swans of Swan Lake*; and
- The Helen O'Grady Drama Academy Showcase.

The return of the 30th edition of the Hilton Arts Festival was also an important milestone for the college generally, and the theatre specifically, as it provided a much-needed platform for local artists to return to live events. More about this festival appears later in this edition.

An exciting collaboration, working in association with Cuba Ikaneng (Makhubalo the Storyteller) and Ubuntu Nest (an NPO based in Howick) saw the theatre celebrate the 2022



Young Author's Book Initiative (a school-based writing project that publishes students' short stories) and the launch of *Vukani Bafana*, a radio-drama series written and performed by young men in previously disadvantaged schools in our community. In 2023, this project will expand to include recording sessions, workshops and performances by students that may never have been in a professional working theatre environment, and this promises to bolster Hilton's public benefit engagement profile greatly.

The programme for 2023 will showcase the diverse offering that the theatre has, with confirmed performances by the Royal Ballet (London), a One-Act Play Festival, *The Tempest*, Cape Town City Ballet's *Coppelia*, and ThinkTheatre's touring productions of *Othello* and *Hamlet*.

Thank you for supporting the theatre this year. We look forward to hosting you in 2023.

**Luke Holder**

*Director of Creative and Performing Arts / Theatre Manager*

## Vula

We are grateful to report that 2022 was a busy, fulfilling, and successful year for everyone associated with the Vula Programme, after almost two years in which our activities were severely curtailed. Except for a few Covid-related scares in the first term, it was an incident-and-disruption-free year, and we were able to offer a full schedule of workshops and activities.

### Vula Mathematics Project

In the first two terms, the Vula Mathematics Academy (VuMA) welcomed 28 teachers to its term-long in-service training programme: 16 teachers in the first term and 12 teachers in the second term. Both groups were made up of teachers from the Umgungundlovu and Pinetown districts, all of whom were resident in the Vula lodges. Since 2014, a total of just over 200 Maths teachers have attended VuMA. Of these, some 180 are still actively engaged in teaching – to about 30 000 learners.

During the winter school holidays, a week-long residential workshop was held for 42 Maths teachers and their subject adviser from the King Cetshwayo district, and during the third and fourth terms of the year, the project offered four two-week workshops for a total of 59 GET teachers from the Umgungundlovu, Pinetown, and Ilembe districts.

The project continued to keep in touch with VuMA teachers from previous years, by offering support and

*Regular visits to assist with teaching and practicals continued, to schools in Edendale, Sweetwaters and Mpendle.*

encouragement, assistance with laptop and projector replacements, and distribution of teaching and revision materials. These important components of the project were the responsibility of Mrs Elaine Smallbones. Elaine's time at Vula has now ended, and we thank her for her enthusiasm and dedication. We will miss her, and we wish her well.

During the year, Maths lessons were offered on nine Saturdays to 84 Grade 11 learners from seven schools in and around Bulwer. These lessons, which took place at Pholela High School, were led by Ms Nosisa Sosibo and Ms Bomi Mtangayi, both long-standing members of the Vula Laptop Project.

A Vula Maths Club for 12 Grade 11 learners from schools in the Edendale Valley operated at Hilton College on Saturday mornings. This group was under the care of Mr Graeme Evans, Hilton College's Director of Mathematics.

### Vula Science Project

The Vula Science Project also had a busy and productive year. The project has a Laptop Group of 55 teachers (from 46 schools) who use a variety of educational software packages and resources to supplement their teaching. Sixty percent of the teachers use their own laptops, while 40% use laptops provided by the project. Twenty-five of the teachers attended a four-day workshop during the winter school holidays.

Some 28 schools (32 teachers) have the use of loaned laboratory equipment. These schools are in six cluster groups in Wartburg, Edendale, Mpendle, Wembezi, Loskop and Camperdown.

The initiative to assist teachers of Technical Science continued to grow, with three day-long workshops held during the year. This group consists of 25 teachers from 17 schools, as well as the subject advisers from four districts.

Regular visits to assist with teaching and practicals continued, to schools in Edendale, Sweetwaters and Mpendle. Seven hundred copies of a Grade 12 Science revision aid, TurboPhysics, were distributed to these schools. Groups from two schools were brought to Hilton College on Saturdays for consolidation and extension work under the guidance of Mr Noel Robert. These groups also had time on the estate where they were exposed to some environmental learning. Learners from two schools were given sponsored access to the Siyavula resources platform.

During July, the PROTEC Pietermaritzburg Grade 12 class of 30 students attended four days of Maths and Science teaching and revision, taught by Hilton College teachers Mrs Charmaine Padayachee, Mr Lionel Julius, Mr Mike Green and Mr Kuthula Ntshontsho.

### Vula and Hilton College Teacher Internship Project

This project allows for a group of aspiring teachers to

spend a year “in-service” at Hilton College, while studying towards the completion of their education studies.

The 2022 group of interns – 10 in total – were an exceptional group of young people who impressed with their willingness to be fully involved and to get as much as possible out of the year. The group was particularly helpful in standing in for teachers who were ill as well as assisting with sport and cultural and house duties, in addition to continuing with their teaching responsibilities and UNISA studies. During February, the group spent a week teaching at Umthoqotho High School in nearby Sweetwaters.

By the end of October, seven of the interns had procured employment for 2023, vastly exceeding the hopes we had for the group at the beginning of the year. We are extremely proud of these successes as the goal of this project is to develop excellent teachers capable of dealing with the educational challenges of South Africa.

### **Vula Principals' Leadership Project**

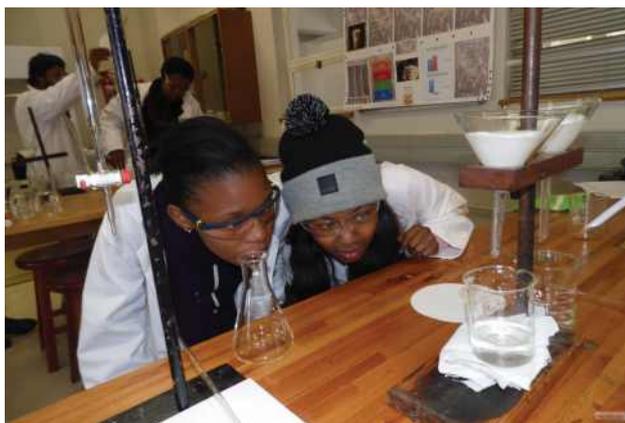
This new initiative, a leadership forum and support group for principals from Vula schools, was launched during an introductory week from Monday 3 to Thursday 6 October. The project is facilitated by Mr George Harris, Hilton College's headmaster.

Twenty principals from Vula schools were invited to participate, and of these 11 were able to free themselves from their responsibilities for the week to attend. The group was resident in the Vula lodges for the duration of their stay.

Discussion topics covered during the week included “Who owns your school?”, “Why did I get into this?”, “My strengths and weakness”, “How do I build a team?” and “What is the vision for my school?”. The group also attended the college's opening of term assembly and the Thursday staff development session. After hours, the group was taken on a game drive, and they also spent an evening on the banks of the Umgeni River.

### **Vula website**

The Vula website was updated during the year, and two short videos about the work of the Vula Maths Project were also added. The site, [www.hiltonvula.com](http://www.hiltonvula.com), now has a Payfast facility for those wishing to make an immediate



donation to the programme. The latest Vula annual report can be downloaded from the site.

### **Appreciation**

We are extremely grateful to everyone who continues to walk this journey with us. Without your encouragement and support, Vula would not exist.

**Lloyd Smuts**

*Vula Director*

## **Sanatorium**

We ended 2021 with five positive Covid cases out of 91 boys tested in the fourth term. The first term of 2022 looked promising with only 13 cases of Covid out of 118 boys tested. Covid appeared to be slowing down. During Hilton College's 150th celebrations in the second term, we had 58 positive Covid cases out of the 242 boys tested. Not long thereafter, two strains of influenza swept through the sanatorium and boys who had not been vaccinated got ill with very high temperatures. In the third term there were no positive cases of those boys tested.

During the first term, we had 14 boys qualify in first aid level two, which gave us 25 first aiders with valid certificates. Matthew Sara and Flynn Newell did a refresher course in 2022, extending their practice for one year. Michael Sara did level three during 2022 and received a service tie for his efforts in first aid and the 50 hours service he gave to field-side first aid over the past two years. The First Aider of the Year for 2022 was Matthew Sara. Matthew qualified in 2021 and practiced first aid when he could in a Covid year, managing to give 23.5 hours service over two years. He received his service tie in 2021.

Boys who do first aid can earn a service tie in grades 11 or 12 if they put in the required number of hours of service over two years. First-aid service counts 10% toward university entrance and community service. Letters of reference are given on request. First aid is a valuable life skill, helping boys grow in responsibility and confidence.

The strapping course was run in the first term and five boys did the course with Mr Nick Pereira, our school physiotherapist. Sixolile Nyangiwe assisted Mrs Mel Carey and the sisters in the first-aid room with strapping players before matches. Sixolile received our strapping trophy for 2022.

We ran blood donation clinics in the first and second terms, with boys donating 57 units and 45 units respectively. Pearce house won the award for the most donations at both clinics, retaining their title. Housemaster James Bullough must be commended for driving this initiative in Pearce house and for being a blood donor himself.

In the third term, after the relaxation of Covid regulations, we saw a slow move to normality and boys enjoying getting back to playing sport.

In 2022, MI7 helped at sports fixtures, home and away, and supported emergency management during the Outdoor Leadership Experience.

We had only one case of chicken pox, and fortunately no cases of childhood diseases such as mumps and measles. We strongly recommend that you have your sons vaccinated with the MMR vaccine to prevent them getting mumps, which can result in a complication called orchitis (swollen testes). This can cause sterility in a teenage boy. Two injections are required – one at once and the second a month later – to confer enough immunity to prevent the disease. If your son has not had chicken pox or been vaccinated against the disease, the varicella vaccine is recommended. This vaccine can prevent chicken pox in your boys as children and shingles as an adult. Grade 8 boys should be vaccinated with the Menactra (meningococcal vaccine) to prevent meningitis, which is prevalent in a boarding environment.

Dr Dale Thomas is our school GP, and we are in regular consultation with him regarding sanatorium matters. Dr Thomas comes to the sanatorium every Thursday to run a clinic. This has made his service more accessible; boys can be seen on site without incurring the cost of travelling to his rooms. Orthopaedic surgeons Dr Ruvyn Frank and Dr Andre Morrish helped us in the Gilfillan First-Aid Room during home matches and the trials camp this year. Dr Morrish also came to the Hilton vs MHS away match and was a tremendous help. We enjoyed having their expertise at initial assessment immediately following injury.

Mr Pereira has continued to offer physio and Mrs Carey biokinetics on site.

Your sons are in the hands of a wonderful team at the San. We look forward to caring for them in 2023.

**Yvette McDonald**  
*Sanatorium Senior Sister*





## Matric Dance

Crystal and Ice was the theme for the Class of 2022's Matric Dance. The boys and their partners were enthralled by mesmerising features and finishing touches, from the avenue of fairy-lit trees leading into the foyer to the stunning Fleur-de-Lys ice sculpture and the interior of the hall, which sparkled in shades of blue light.

The matrics relished the lavish food and danced the night away, making magnificent memories.

**Carolyn van Zuydam**  
*Events Manager*





Grade 11 Dance



# Remembrance Day

## *Sermon by chaplain Reverend Sean McGuigan*

Alphonse Colenbrander Addison was killed at the battle of the Somme on 12 October 1916 at the age of 20. Red poppies germinated in the battle-scarred landscape following that five-month battle. The poppy later became a symbol of bloodshed, worn world-wide as a reminder of lives lost. Eighteen months later Alphonse's elder brother Ernest was killed. Their sister Corrie, a St Anne's old girl, was serving as a nurse overseas. After the death of her brothers, she set sail for South Africa to be with her grief-stricken father. On 18 September 1918, her ship was torpedoed and sank. Corrie died after giving up her place on the lifeboat.

We don't know this family, but we feel their grief all these years later. On Remembrance Day we pause. We acknowledge the pain of grief caused by conflict. Not just the Addison family's grief. You too will have ancestors who died in conflict. That pain is felt today, generations later.

Mr Paul Venter reminded me that Bishop Colenso, two months after the battle of Isandlwana, preached these words: "... in that dreadful disaster we ourselves have lost very many precious lives and widows and orphans, parents, brothers, sisters and friends are mourning bitterly their sad bereavements. But are there no griefs, no relatives that mourn their dead in Zululand? Have we not heard how the wail has gone up in all parts of the country for those who have bravely and nobly died in repelling the invader and fighting for their Zulu King and country?" A

reminder to his congregation, whose sympathies presumably lay with the British, that God's Kingdom does not equal the British Empire and that God's Kingdom comforts all who mourn.

On Remembrance Day we pause in lament to grieve the loss of life.

Remembrance Day is also a day to be reminded that though reconciliation is always costly, the benefits outweigh the costs. It is to be inspired to resist war and violence with every fibre in our being. It is to be energised to invest our prayers and resources toward peace.

My friend who sat next to me in Old Testament studies had been trained for war – as a "Parabat". On our first day of class, he interrupted our lecturer: "A few years ago we'd have been staring at each other over the barrel of a rifle." Our lecturer, you see, had been a soldier in the ANC's armed wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe. There was a tense silence. Then my friend smiled, "But now we smile at each other over the pages of the Bible." Teaching paused while the two embraced. Micah's promise before our eyes.

When I shared this story with Mr Siphoniwe, he reminded me that often the things that divide us are powers outside of us – not within us. Given our history, it is possible that our ancestors found themselves on opposite sides of past conflicts. We may feel troubled or conflicted.

Let us look to the cross. There Jesus, God's king, fought the greatest battle – not to shed blood, but for his blood to be shed – that all people, all of us, may be reconciled in him.



In a moment we will sing The Lord's My Shepherd. We will sing, "My table thou hast furnished in the presence of my foes". A few years ago, my colleague Reverend Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa was preaching on Psalm 23. She asked, "What does it look like for God to prepare a table in the presence of our enemies?" She offered a beautiful Christ-inspired interpretation. God's power makes friends of enemies. Yes, the Lord sits us down, together, at the same table!

Remembrance Day is a day to be reminded of our longing for this kind of peace.

Finally, Remembrance Day is a day to reflect on courage. I struggle to find the right words here because our aim is not to glorify war. We need courage to grieve and courage to work for reconciliation. It is true, though, that courage in battle, has been admired by most societies throughout history.

A colleague who was a military chaplain told me about the Battle of Bangui in the Central African Republic (CAR) in 2013. Two hundred South African soldiers kept at bay a force estimated at 4000-7000 while the Multinational Peacekeeping Force of Central Africa fled. French troops, who'd been guarding the airport, formed a guard of honour for South African soldiers after the battle.

The political reason for our presence in the CAR is hard to comprehend, but there is no denying that our soldiers fought bravely. They were under-equipped and had used almost all their ammunition before a ceasefire was negotiated. Fifteen South African soldiers died. The French were in awe of their valour. Sometimes it takes the battle-hardened to recognise bravery. It was a hardened Roman Centurion who recognised Jesus' courage when he died, declaring "surely this man is the son of God".

Often the bravest thing to do is to refuse to take up arms, refuse to go the way of violence. Like the Head of School in 1974 Charles Yates, who was imprisoned for refusing military call up by the Apartheid state – enduring five bouts of solitary confinement, each comprising 14 days. Once reviled and persecuted, he is now considered blessed!

We pray that you, young men, will never find yourselves in armed conflict. But you will face battles. Battles that will require courage and self-sacrifice. Courage does not mean the absence of fear. Rather, as one of my colleagues puts it, "courage means speaking the truth even if your voice trembles and your knees wobble". We are courageous when we do the right thing even when it is costly and unpopular. That power is promised to us by the one who had courage to go to the cross even though, the night before, his sweat was like drops of blood and he prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).



Remembrance Day: We pause to grieve. We pause to pray for peace. We pause to seek courage so that, when we are ancestors, those who follow will gladly honour us. Amen.

# Leavers' Service

## Sermon by Mike Green

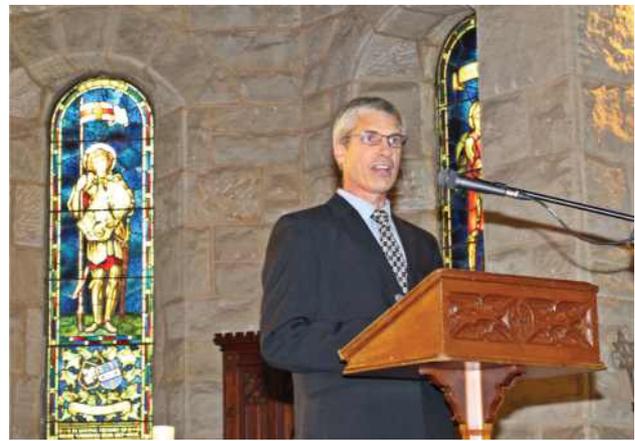
In 1993 a movie hit the Box Office called Indecent Proposal. That was obviously before your time so I doubt that you've watched it, but many of your parents may well have. In the movie, a young married couple (David and Diana) have put their life savings into a beachfront plot, and plan to build a house on it. He's an architect but due to the tough economic times he can't find a job. Diana is an estate agent, but properties aren't selling.

They are heavily in debt and at risk of the bank repossessing their property. So they foolishly decide to travel to Las Vegas to somehow win enough money to get back on their feet financially. On the first night they make some money, only to lose it all the next day.

They meet billionaire John Gage at a casino and are befriended by him, perhaps manipulated might be closer to the truth. After spending some time with the young couple and finding out about their predicament, he makes a proposal that will sort out their financial woes. He offers them \$1m.

The movie is nearly 30 years old and the economics students among you will tell us that due to inflation \$1m 30 years ago is worth several times that now. It's enough for David and Diana to pay off their plot, build a house, buy two cars, and invest some. It really is a life-changing amount of money, especially considering that they are heavily in debt.

That's the proposal. The "indecent" part is that the billionaire wants Diana is to spend one night with him: \$1m for one night!



At first, the couple is utterly repulsed by the mere suggestion of it. How dare he! Does he think his money can buy for him whatever he wants?

David and Diana endure a sleepless night, thinking about the financial prospect of this indecent proposal ... and by the morning, they're thinking and talking about it. "\$1m is a huge amount of money; \$1m will sort out all our problems; It's only for one night; Perhaps we should go ahead, not tell anyone and then afterwards just get on with our lives as though nothing happened ... and we'll live happily ever after."

Mark 8:36 Jesus says, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

We've heard a similar story to the movie, but this one is true. Judas was one of the 12 disciples. He'd spent a lot of time with Jesus. He'd seen the miracles that Jesus had performed. He knew Jesus was no ordinary man, yet for the reward of 30 pieces of silver he betrayed Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.



The account continues in Matthew 27: "When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Jesus was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned the 30 pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. 'I have sinned,' he said, 'for I have betrayed innocent blood.' 'What is that to us?' they replied. 'That's your responsibility.' So Judas threw the money into the temple and left. Then he went away and hanged himself."

Mark 8:36 again: "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Initially, there was the allure of 30 pieces of silver, but once Judas had the money in his hands, he realised what a monumentally bad decision he had made, to the extent that he didn't even want the money anymore ... throwing the money into temple before heading out and ending his life.

In the movie there comes a point where David realises the foolishness of his and Diana's decision and he tries to stop the process, no longer wanting the money, but it's too late and the inevitable happens. Deep regret sets in and his marriage breaks down.

Both these examples involve money. Corruption has been and seemingly continues to be a massive issue in our country. The Bible tells us that "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). That is the topic of another talk, suffice to say that the love of money is a major contributing factor to people making unwise decisions, to people selling their souls. Sadly, this has been far too widespread in our own beloved country.

This evening we're talking about making wise decisions. Decisions that will make sense the next morning, or a year later, even 50 years later.

Matrics, you are on the brink of walking out of the McKenzie gates, leaving Hilton College and entering the next chapter of your lives.

I remind you of the words on the plaque at the McKenzie gates: "Enter these gates with humility, determined to contribute to, and to take advantage of, all that this institution offers, and depart [as you will do this coming week] knowing that you are well equipped to forge your future in the world."



This new chapter in your lives will venture in new horizons, new opportunities, new challenges, new friendships, new skills and a far, far more freedom than you've ever had! No one to tell you to brush your shoes, when to turn out the lights, to cut your hair ... I see some of you have been growing your hair for a little while now in preparation for your coming freedom ...

With this newfound freedom you'll need to make many more decisions independently and you'll need to bear the consequences of your decisions. Some decisions will have little or no consequence. Other decisions will have significance ... like whether to party late and miss morning lectures. While other decisions will have greater significance still ... the equivalent of \$1m versus your marriage.

Your parents have watched you take your very first breath, your first wobbly steps, form your first words. They have watched you grow and mature over the past 18 years. They have raised you as best they can, guiding you, training you and giving you the best opportunities possible. They have sent you to this amazing school where you've been surrounded by caring and supportive teachers, house staff and dedicated coaches. I'm sure your dads and moms feel just as my wife and I do: where have the past 18 years gone? There are no perfect parents or teachers. We can only do our best for you and be there for you, always. But the time has come for you to forge your own path.

Having to forge your own path and take responsibility for your own decisions can be both exciting and overwhelming at the same time. So I'd like to share a few words of advice with you and briefly share a part of my personal journey.

So here's my advice: Firstly, look around you. The class of 2022 is made up of 114 boys. I've been fortunate enough to attend the leavers dinner for both Ellis and Lucas this year. After attending leavers dinners over the years, I've always thought that if anyone was ever in doubt about the benefits of boarding (at Hilton in particular) all they need to do is attend one of these dinners. It is wonderful to hear about the adventures and life-long friendships forged here.

I don't think you need much encouragement to continue with these friendships.

However, I do encourage you to bounce ideas off your mates. Let them know what you're thinking. Talk about more than just rugby. Ask your mates for advice. Share your challenges and opportunities. And be a good listener, too. Let others share their ideas with you and take a genuine interest in them and their lives.

My second piece of advice: I know that not all parents were able to make it tonight, but whether your parents are physically sitting next to you or not, each of your parents is with you in thought. I know it's natural to go through a phase of thinking that we as parents are out of touch with reality, that we're not cool, that we don't know much. But

you will realise over time that your parents have experience and great wisdom. Ask them for their advice, share with them what you're thinking, include them in your plans. Listen to their advice and ponder their thoughts as you make your decisions and choices in life. I value it when my children ask me what I think about something. As you, our children, have grown, we as parents have had to start shifting from telling you what to do to giving you our advice and then stepping back and supporting from the side lines.

My third piece of advice is: Take your thoughts, your decisions, your opportunities to the Lord in prayer. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God."

God is relational and through his son Jesus, he wants to have a relationship with each one of you. He wants to hear from you. He cares about you, and he wants the best for you.

Some of you have worn "What Would Jesus Do" bangles at one stage or another. Just think about it for a moment. Jesus is with you all the time and he wants to be involved in your life, helping you to make wise decisions, to see the pitfalls down the road before they happen; to avoid you falling into temptation and making unwise decisions that won't stack up the next morning, or the next year or 50 years down the line.

Jesus is quoted in John 10:10: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Jesus offers us all fulness of life through an eternal relationship with Him.

I've advised you to do three things:

- Bounce ideas, thoughts, plans off your mates;
- Do the same thing with your parents; include them in your decision-making; and
- Take your thoughts, plans and requests to God in prayer.

If you can: discuss a plan or a decision with friends; openly let your parents know what you're doing, thinking; and take your thoughts, plans, request to the Lord in prayer, then I would suggest you're on the right path of making wise and sensible decisions. Decisions that are going to make sense the next morning, the next year and in 50 years' time.

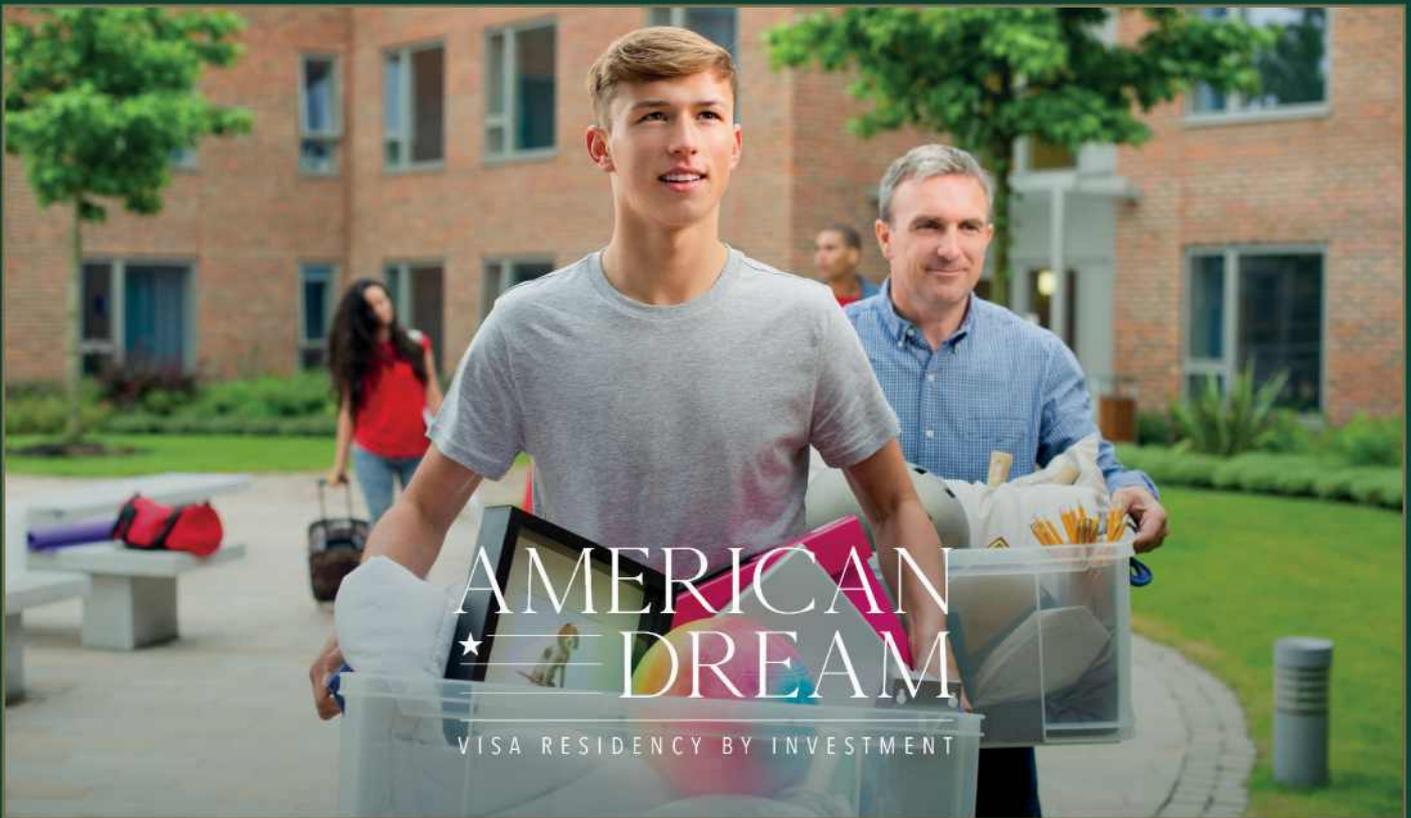
If, on the other hand, you're too ashamed to share your thoughts with a friend, and to seek the advice of your parents, and to petition God, who is all-knowing, I suggest you stop and pause. Is what you're doing or about to do wise?

Will it lead to the "fulness of life" that Jesus speaks about, or will it lead to you "forfeiting your soul"?

Just another of Covid's consequences was that both the matrics and grade 11s weren't able to attend the Inward Bound camp in their grade 10 year. At the camp, the attending Christian staff share their testimonies with the boys. Here's a summary of mine.

I was fortunate to be raised in a Christian home. I made a decision to follow Christ from when I was a little younger than you guys. It hasn't meant that my life has been without challenges or that I don't make mistakes. But it has meant that I have a relationship with the Creator God of the universe.





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I know that He walks with me, every day. He is my anchor. I can turn to Him. I can pray to Him. And I know His wish for me is to have fulness of life and everlasting life.

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?”

Forfeiting your soul is not about making bad decisions or doing something wrong. We all make mistakes. Forfeiting your soul is about never acknowledging God and inviting him to journey with you, in order that you can enjoy the fulness of life which he offers.

As the person so privileged and honoured to share with you this message in this chapel, I think it would be remiss of me not to ask the most important question of all: Where do you stand with God?

My prayer and encouragement to each one of you is that you enter into a life-long relationship with God, in order to enjoy its fulness with Him at your side.

In closing, Philippians 4, verses 8 and 9: “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.



Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

## Tie Ceremony





## Boarding

The boarding experience at Hilton College is described as a “home away from home”. Our boarding houses and house staff provide a safe and nurturing environment in which boys live and learn. Staff make a considerable effort to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere in every boarding house.

The Matric Servant Leadership programme at Hilton College differs from the leadership programmes offered at other schools. Hilton endeavours to create opportunities for all boys to assume leadership roles, big and small.

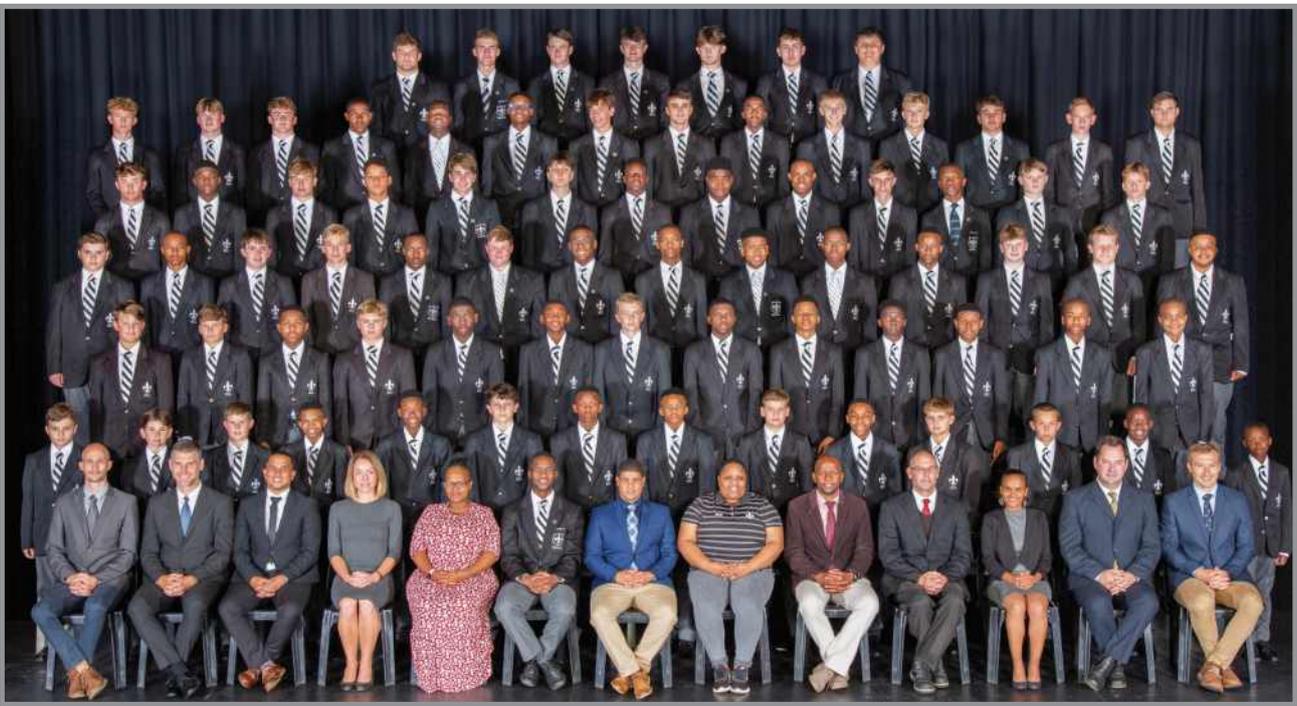
The class of 2022 is to be commended for leading with humility and for diligently upholding the values of Hilton College. The boarding houses rely heavily on the matric boys to lead by example. They play a crucial role in maintaining order in the houses and in fostering a sense of camaraderie. Their contribution to the school community has been invaluable, and they have been excellent role models for the class of 2023.

Housemasters, deputy housemasters and house staff serve tirelessly at Hilton College, fostering a positive and supportive environment for our boys. Their dedication is integral to our boys' academic and extracurricular successes, and we are indebted to them.

Hilton College is a great place to study and grow, thanks to the hard work of its staff, learners and leaders. We are proud of our collective achievements in 2022 and look forward to continuing to provide a high-quality education for years to come.

**Chris Carey**

*Chairman of the Housemasters' Committee*



**Row 7:** Nicholas Snyman, Callum Lupton-Smith, Cole McLaggan, Casey Nicholson, Michael Fox, Oscar Bredenkamp, Etienne Smith

**Row 6:** Oliver Mattison, Nick Vickers, Greg Braithwaite, Bataung Ramolefe, Andile Matsa, Sixolile Nyangiwe, William Ellis, Ruben Marx, Chisha Mulenga, Andre Boschoff, Riley Ross, Campbell Ivins, Josh Black, Jake Van Zuydam

**Row 5:** Hylton Lotter, Tino Nyabonda, Luke Hancock, Noah Ford, Zavier Rey, Efe Ozcan, Tawanda Kugotsi, Kego Maseko, Reabetswe Motlhaloga, Adam Cole, Olwakhe Shezi, Victor Compton, Matt Watts

**Row 4:** James Dent, Ndalo Ngewu, Daniel Sweeney, Harry Jarvie, Newo Munyai, Jonathan Ferguson, Lesedi Mogashoe, Kwanele Gumbi, Vumi Mbokota, Khanya Mhlongo, Mihle Gazi, Ben Ferguson, Grant Bridgeford, Mbuyelo Mbokota

**Row 3:** Brynn Valentine, Didier Rey, Hlonie Lethole, David Hill, Akani Nxumalo, Liyema Zondi, James Peattie, Nghwazi Mkansi, Lebo Legodi, Sean Kamau, Seko Maseko, Axolile Nyangiwe, Lwanda Chitha

**Row 2:** James Lyon, Chase Smith, Oliver Crowe, Tsebo Mokhathi, Zizwe Digangoane, Darryn Bridgeford, Liyema Gazi, Machabe Monaheng, Oliver Jarvie, Phelele Cele, Benoit Rey, Matt Mattison, Khumo Lebone, Ziyanda Mnyandu

**Row 1:** Mr Jaco Van Dyk, Mr Darryn Gallagher, Mr Damian Kimfley, Mrs Leana Steenkamp, Ms Nomfundo Nzimande, Sfiso Sithole, Mr Devon Van der Merwe, Ms Mbali Shelembe, Mr Wilbert Tenga, Mr Nick Holtzhauzen, Ms Simone van Niekerk, Mr David Orr, Mr Jason Wulfsohn

## Churchill

It was a great year for Churchill house. At the beginning of the year, the matrics and I set out to accomplish half a dozen goals, and we achieved them all.

First on our agenda was for the entire house to become more punctual. To get everyone starting every morning and lessons five minutes early, we rang the house bell five minutes early. We enjoyed the support of everyone in the house, especially the younger dorms.

We set out to fix the "small things", knowing that fixing the small things would lead to a better house, and a better house culture.

Our form one boys arrived in Churchill feeling uncertain and uneasy, which is to be expected. Along with dorm cops Jonathan Ferguson and Campbell Ivins, we worked tirelessly to build fruitful and true relationships with these boys, instilling in them the values of our school. I believe we established the foundations for what will become a formidable group of boys who will do great things in the years to come.

Our focus with the boys in form two was to build brotherhood and comradery, something dorm cops Vumi Mbokota and Olwakhe Shezi noticed was lacking. Based

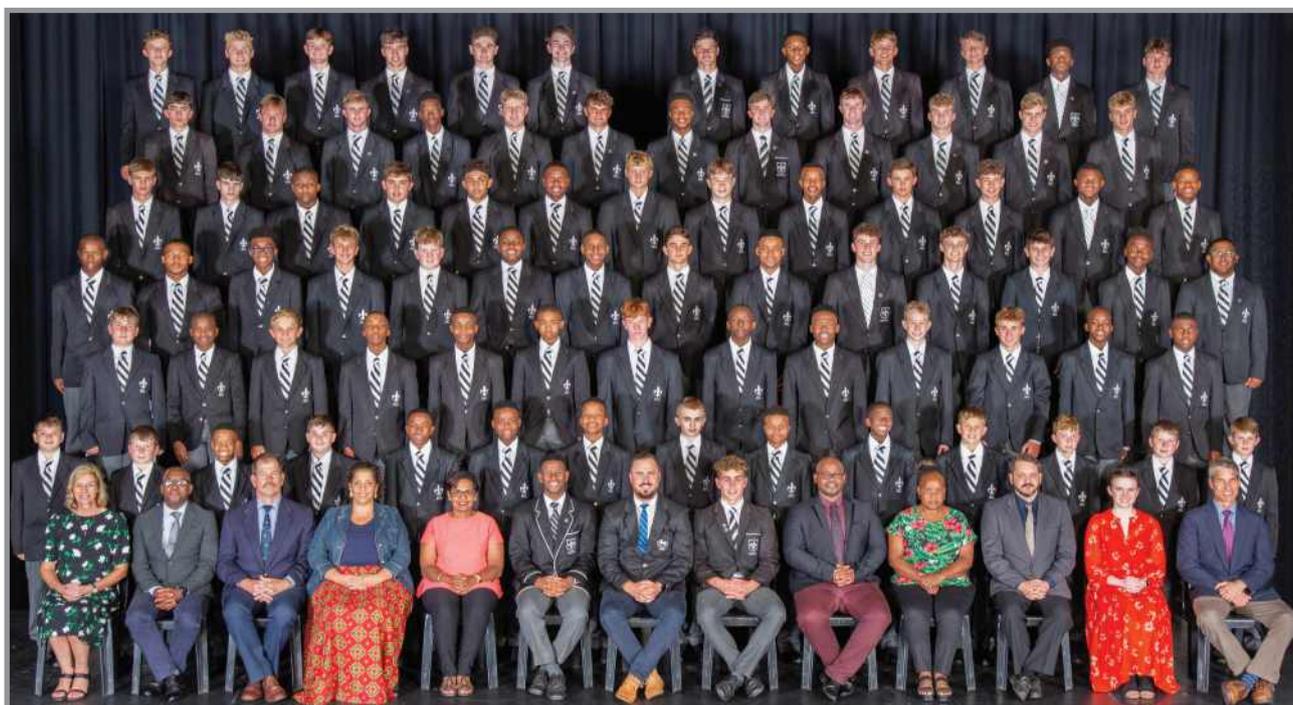
on my observations as well as some encouraging feedback, I believe we made great progress in building unity among these boys.

The senior dorms are always the hardest to handle, however Andile Matsa made an exceptional effort in opening his door and allowing the boys to speak freely about their issues concerning the house. He built relationships with the dorm and allowed them to grow into themselves. "Tight" is the word often used to describe these boys. I believe this group has a great and exciting future at Hilton. They are also to be congratulated on their academic prowess, leading their year group in academics.

Our boys in form four are an exciting bunch who were ably led by William Ellis. They all seem to be born leaders and have great ideas for the future of Churchill. They carried themselves with pride and are truly capable young boys. They were not afraid to voice their opinions and suggestions about the running of their house.

All in all, it was a great year for Churchill.

**Sifiso Sithole**  
Head of House



**Row 7:** Alistair Howard, Matthew Stewart, Daniel Hathorn, Thomas Haynes, Matthew Emmott, Harry Bailey, Tanner Bailey, Risimati Mkhabela, Ross Boast, Nicholas Thorburn, Emeke Ezenwugo, Troy Bailey

**Row 6:** Daniel Holtzhauzen, Murray Brink, Henry Fawcett, Olufemi Oyeka, Matthew Diemont, Ross Short, Olwethu Mbala, Matt Rout, Tim King, Rourke Luscombe, Chris Roy, Ivan Lockem

**Row 5:** Charles Fawcett, Daniel Jones, Siya Mpofo, Jack Holtzhauzen, Siyanda McClain, Minenhle Makhathini, Oliver Chapple, William Kitching, Tumelo Gopane, Griffin Barnes, Jason Webster, Vhuthihi Siwada, Ntuma Moagi

**Row 4:** Khazimla Makali, Bunono Jabavu, Ty Kalayamotho, Andrew Schnell, William Leathern, Tochi Ezenwugo, Zippo Mpofo, Ross Brown, Nadabenhle Sithole, Ross Taylor, Thomas Taylor, Charlie Short, Senzo Mngomezulu, Caleb Vandayar

**Row 3:** Josh Aitken, Ntando Mhlongo, Alex Hathorn, Zakhele Khumalo, Zimele Khumalo, Dzunisani Mboweni, Garrick Phillips, Tele Sitoyo, Liyema Mndela, Jack Kitching, Jarred Maltby, Josh Chibwe, Uthado Gumedede

**Row 2:** Matthew McGhee, James Aitken, Karabelo Morojele, Matthew McGhee, Kopano Lekeka, Kgosi Sekgobela, Atlegang Ramutla, Josh McGhee, Ntando Mchunu, Nyiko Mabunda, Sebastian Laudenberg, John Gafney, Ethan Aitken, Ethan Maltby

**Row 1:** Mrs Hanlie Dry, Mr Thulani Mhlongo, Mr Mike Mill, Mrs Tania Hurlley, Mrs Keshni Peters, Siya Buthelezi, Mr Burger Nel, Tom Roy, Mr Siphoni Moniwa, Ms Bongsi Mthlale, Mr Richard Garrett, Ms Margie Mackechnie, Mr Mike Green

## Ellis

2022 was a milestone year in Hilton College's history and the boys of Ellis were itching to make an impact in our school's 150th year. A combination of visibly strong leaders in the matric group and the return to normality post Covid-19 restrictions provided an ideal platform for the house to reach the status we strived for and to excel. Early in the year, the house, school and wider Hilton College community united around the "Run for Richter" campaign to commemorate the legacy of Mr Tony Richter, the Ellis housemaster who died tragically in an accident along with his daughter Alice. There was a wonderful sense of unity on the day and the contributions made were donated to Singakwenza, an organisation that focuses on early sustainable childhood development, which is a cause close to the Richter family's heart. It was a truly special occasion.

Other highlights included the winning of senior interhouse cricket for another year and even more notably, being crowned champions of senior soccer after coming in as relative underdogs. There was a strong cultural presence during the year as many boys impressively featured in various musical and theatrical productions. Incredible sporting achievements were made by a number of boys who earned their provincial or national colours across a large variety of codes.

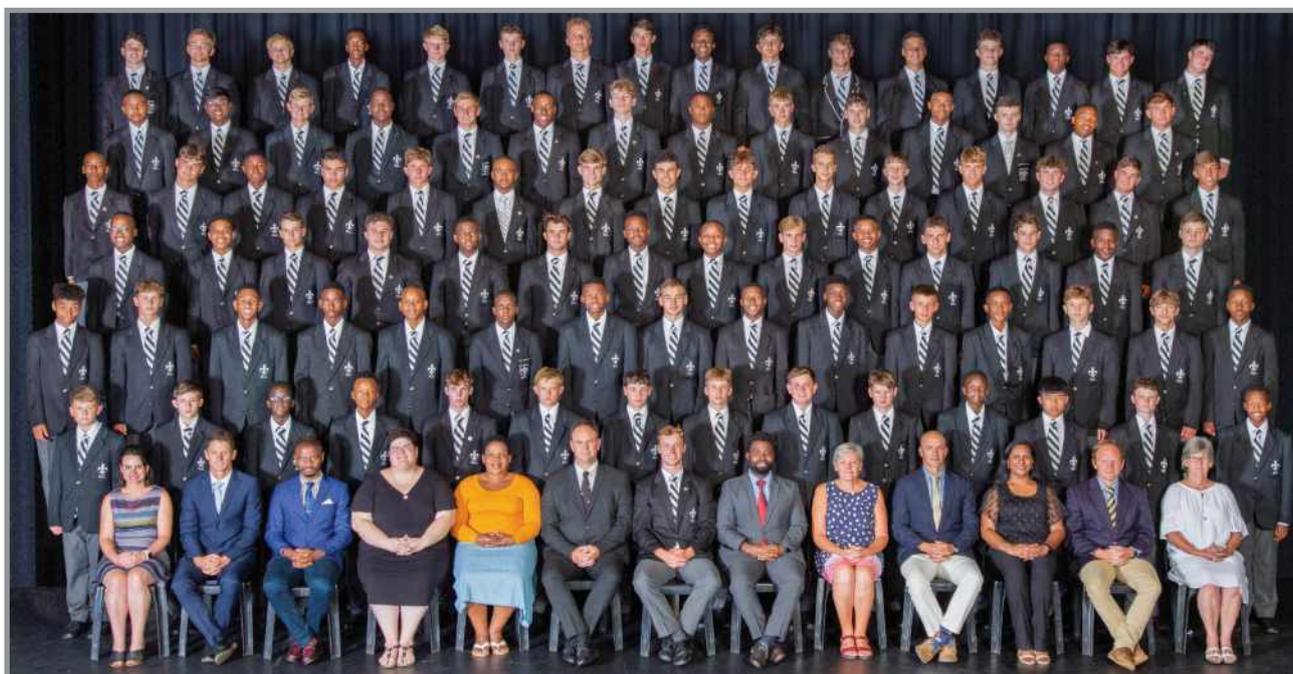
The form one boys embarked on their Hilton journey getting off to a very promising start. The form two and three boys continue to grow into their own as they intentionally develop their relationships, learning from and inspiring one other. While the form four boys played an excellent role in supporting the matric body and honing their leadership style.

Mr Burger Nel, Mr Siphoni Moniwa, Mrs Keshni Peters and Mrs Bongsi Mthlale provided a great mix of nurture and freedom, allowing boys to learn for themselves. This created a wholesome environment in which boys were encouraged to make the most of their Hilton and Ellis experience, while always having an avenue of support or advice.

The Ellis group of 2022 raised the bar, demonstrating the ability and potential of boys in the house. I encourage boys to make mistakes and to learn from them, and to keep making a contribution in recognition of the incredible privilege it is to be in such an environment as Hilton College. Whatever you give to Hilton, it will give even more back. And never forget that presence is powerful. Wishing Ellis all the best in 2023!

**Matt Rout**

*For the Head of House*



**Row 7:** Nic Hirschowitz, Jarryd Pike, Oliver Proudfoot, Simba Chidakwa, Jack Weavind, Brian Thomson, Stefan Swart, Christian Snijman, Gabriel Njonjo, Natan Joubert-Bouwer, Christo van Loggerenberg, Joshua Lord, Michael Eales, Zukhanye Fatyi, Ben Kok, Jack Herman

**Row 6:** Bandile Shabalala, Shailen Naidoo, James Moore, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Oliver Lello, Christopher Gungu, Michael Lillie, Khanya Jekwa, Lyle Clubb, Scott Winskill, Karabo Lephema, Spencer Wright, Qhawe Soji, Matthew Bezuidenhout

**Row 5:** Khumo Kwakwa, Joshua Snyman, Langa Dlamini, Ethan McCabe, Jono Bregman-Frangos, Avuyile Mbada, Jon Braithwaite, Jarod duPlessis, Nic Bregman-Frangos, Tristan Hockly, Luke Marshall, Kieran Janse van Vuuren, Michael Capes, Murray Dahl, Connor Thomson

**Row 4:** Omohau Mbileni, Katlego Moncho, Ben Hockly, Connor McCabe, Nkosi Msiza, Connor Woods, Nkosi Shoji, Buthulwazi Buthelezi, Jordan Udal, Sandiso Zondi, Miguel Teixeira, Jake Hockly, Liyema Nela, Rupert Wright

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**Row 2:** Samuel Bird, Daniel Evans, Taji Sigei, Khaya Nouse, Alton Theron, Christopher Weavind, Josh Herman, Michael Bird, Matthew Bezuidenhout, James Dunn, Dante Sigei, William Chien, Christopher Lindsay, Karl Senanu

**Row 1:** Ashleigh Askew, Tony Shuttleworth, Kuthula Ntshontsho, Charissa Steenkamp, Mandy Nene, Warren Kirsten, Ryan Basson, Kwanda Sibiya, Vanessa Wedderburn, Ernie Steenkamp, Charmaine Padayachee, James Webb, Mandy Durnford

## Falcon

It has been an incredible year for me and my fellow matric leaders. Falcon has excelled in a year in which the matric body applied the motto, "Comfort is the enemy of progress". Many of our boys received academic, cultural and sports awards this year, demonstrating that we lived out our motto. As Aristotle said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Therefore, excellence is not an act but a habit."

This year, Falcon house won the interhouse athletics cup and two interhouse spirit cups (athletics and gala). The boys can be extremely proud. These results could not have been achieved without the matric leaders, especially our war cry leaders. Thanks to the grade 11 boys for running and winning the interhouse gala spirit cup while the matrics were writing final exams. While it's amazing to achieve great results, this is not what defines us as Falconians. It is the commitment to conducting ourselves in a chivalrous manner that defines Falcon boys.

It has been gratifying to see every boy grow and develop within the school and the house.

Starting with my matric brothers, it has been an amazing five years. Thank you for everything you guys have done for me and our house. You have been my source of joy and happiness and I cannot wait to see where life takes us.

To the grade 11s, you have played an instrumental role in the house, and it has been inspiring to watch you grow. I believe you guys will maintain Falcon's dominance in interhouse events and continue to help the school produce men of integrity. To the grade 10s, you can be proud of how much you have grown as individuals and as a collective. I look forward to your transition into leaders in the house and the school. Each of you have great potential.

To the grade 9s, I am extremely proud of how you have become a more cohesive dorm. I wish you all the best as you enter next year as seniors in the school. Bond with the other dorms in the house to ensure Falcon's excellence.

To the grade 8s, it has been a privilege to lead you boys alongside your dormitory leaders. Your growth as individuals in just one year, coupled with your growing brotherhood, foreshadows a successful future at Hilton College. I urge you all to seize every opportunity that comes your way in this institution and with this, to enjoy every experience, as it all aids in the development of your character.

I am handing over to Gabriel Njonjo, a humble and astute man, who will continue to make Falcon proud as he serves under the leadership of housemaster Mr Kwanda Sibiya

and deputy housemaster Mr Warren Kirsten. My thanks to Mr Sibiya and Mr Kirsten, as well as our house mother and house manager, who play an influential role in every Falcon boy's life. I wish you all the best for 2023.

I am also thankful to my family for their support over the past five years at Hilton. Without you, I would not have been able to prosper in my time at Hilton College and in my role as head of house.

It has been a privilege and an honour to lead this house in 2022. Falcon will forever have a place in my heart as my home away from home for five years. Thank you, Falcon house, for everything you have given me.

**Ryan Basson**  
*Head of House*



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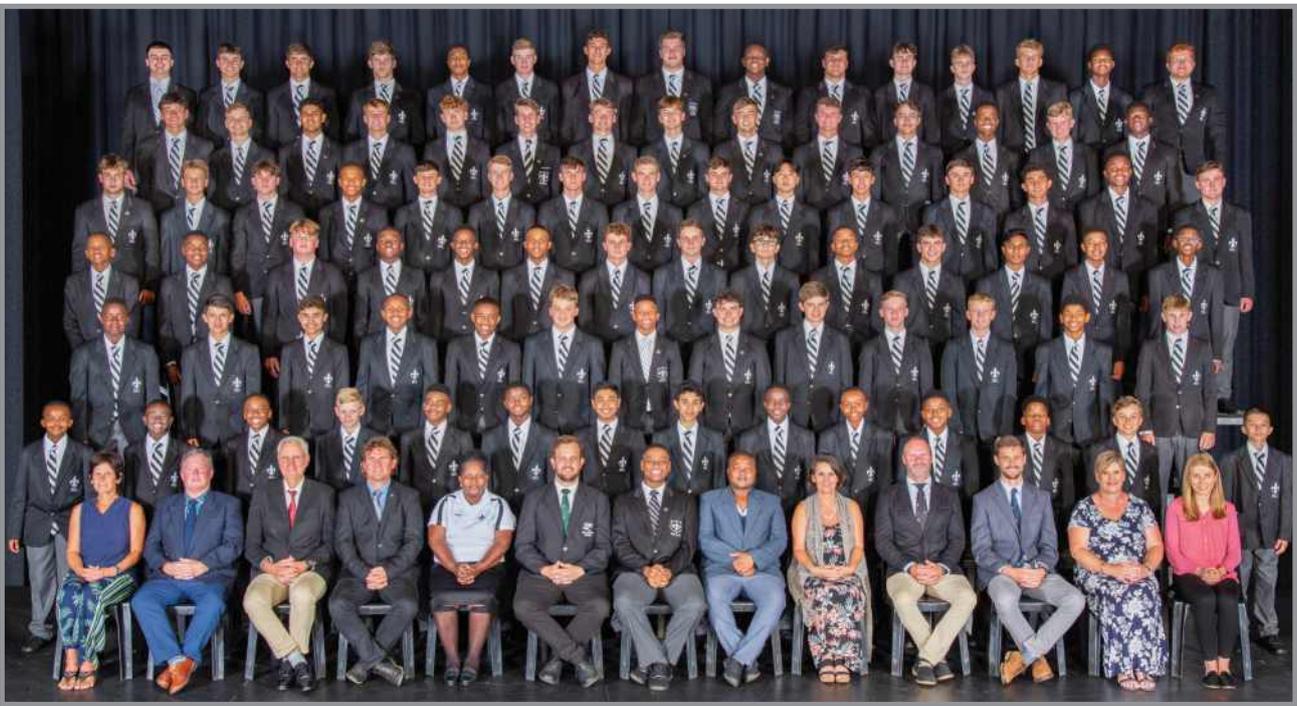
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## Lucas

“The more power you behold, the more responsibility comes with it.” This quote, inscribed on cards that the matrics received at the beginning of the year, could not have been more true – not only for the matrics in the house but also for our new housemaster and deputy housemaster. My thanks to housemaster Mr Msizi Mchunu and deputy housemaster Mr Cameron Fraser for how you have steered the Lucas ship into a new season.

This would not have been possible without house manager Mrs Inga Rautenbach and housekeeper Ms Rosemary Mwelase holding it all together. I am grateful for all they have done for us, especially the tender love and care they have shown us. I am also thankful to Mrs Sokhela for coming into the house in the latter part of the year and giving us the much-needed energy burst to keep us going until the end.

Lucas has always had its share of excellent sportsmen, and so it has been encouraging to see Lucas boys perform at the highest level in the cultural hemisphere as well. In 2022 we had several Lucanites in the choir, jazz band, competition marimba band, gumboot squad and vocal ensemble.

While we all enjoy receiving accolades, in Lucas house this was not the focus. Our goal was to produce boys who are “honest, upright and true as steel” and I would like to congratulate the boys for driving the house upwards. Mr AC Blume told us in our first year that we, the boys, are what make the house, and five years later that is still true. We made Lucas the home we wanted it to be.

I wish the class of 2023 the best of luck. The dorm is full of men of character and led by RD Engelbrecht, they will take Lucas to new heights.

To my brothers of the past five years, thank you. The journey has been nothing short of amazing with you by my side. I wish you all of the best in your ventures.

**Keitshupile Makola**  
*Head of House*



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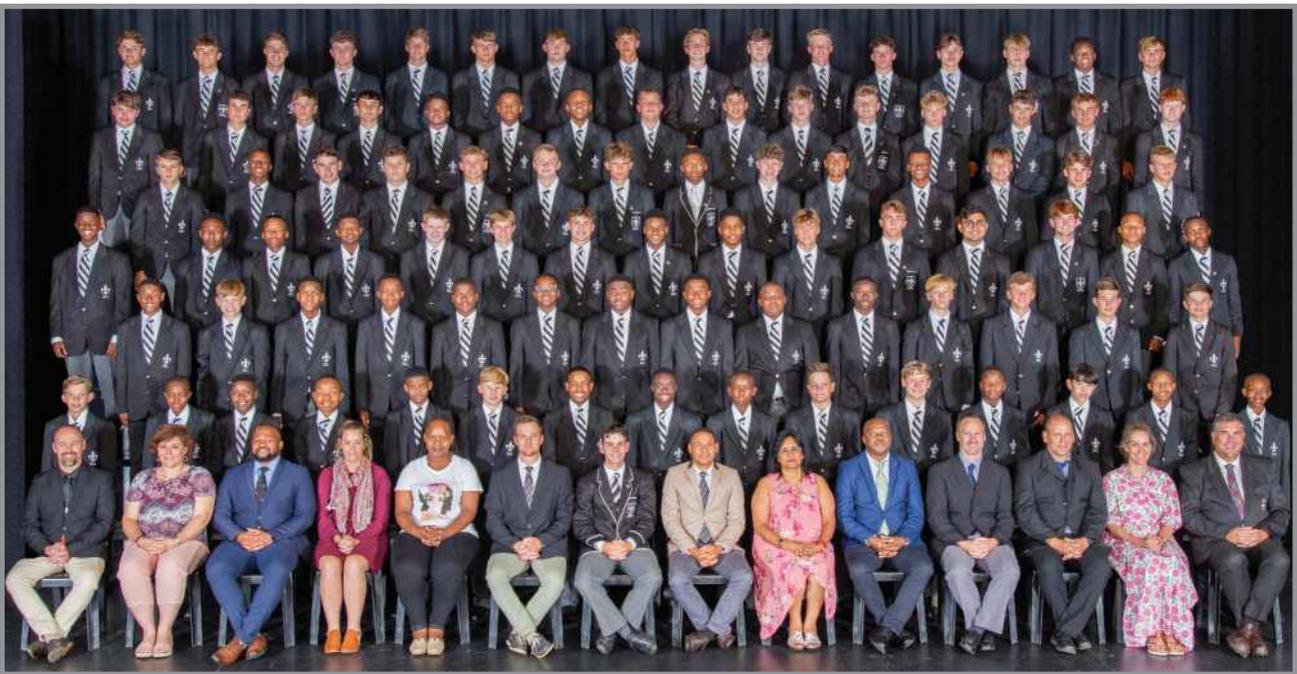
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**Row 6:** Campbell McKenzie, Marc Isabelle, Christopher Morrison, Max Gilson, Matome Manthata, TK Khoza, Ntando Ngcobo, Nathan Daniels, Joshua Hurley, Richard Eyres, Zack van Niekerk, Sean Ritchie, James Cole, Luke Campbell, Campbell Immelman

**Row 5:** James Fender, Aka Mda, Stuart Baker, Adam Wingfield, Ben Watt, Tristan Taljaard, Simon Chubb, Oyisa Pupuma, Nick Dalrymple, Aahil Girdhuparsadh, Reneiloe Seopa, Luke Watt, Jason Dix, Guy Fender

**Row 4:** Mpande Myeza, Amahle Seima, Tiisano Tisane, Amandla Khawe, Richard Roxburgh, Oscar Steiner, Chris Wanless, Neo Naidoo, Jehan Thipanyane Said, Xavier Enslin, Daniel den Bakker, Raheel Mottiar, Kieran Kilmartin, David Tshebi, Malesela Maponya

**Row 3:** Ayanda Ninela, Miles Cox, Unami Nxasana, Tumisho Manaka, Xola Makongola, Nqubeko Majazi, Linathi Dabula, Katleho Motaung, Nthekego Phasha, Tino Hove, Sam Wingfield, Robert Burman, Liam Firth, Dale Herbert

**Row 2:** Victor Viljoen, Pheto Kgafela, Unqweru Ziba, Luphelele Shange, Tumelo Moseitlhe, Ben Scorgie, Kamogelo Seopa Tadi Hove, Nkosi Fuyana, Oscar Franco, Daniel Day, Fanaka Mworia, Jack Davenport, Kagiso Magasa, Akhumzi Mtshungwa

**Row 1:** Mr De Wet Wenzel, Mrs Angela Salamon, Mr Kgomotso Motlogeloa, Ms Tarryn Daly, Ms Matholi Mthlana, Mr Carl Schmidt, Christopher Bagnall, Mr Lionel Julius, Mrs Rosey Kalipersad, Mr Charles Ngcobeni, Mr Craig Wilkinson, Mr Jeremy Piater, Mrs Janine Warren, Mr Brad Anderson

## McKenzie

It was a year of highs and lows for McKenzie. The tragic loss of our Grade 12 brother Oyisa Pupuma rocked the house to its core, testing our strength and unity. In our grief, we supported one another, demonstrating our brotherhood, which is what makes McKenzie special. Oyisa used to say, "Our strengths lie in our differences", and we embraced these words each day.

Following the Covid years, it was a treat to enjoy uninterrupted participation in all sport and academics. One of my goals was to advance McKenzie's academic standing in the school. I am proud that three of our matrics came in the top seven for academics, while five achieved A aggregates. Zack van Niekerk and I were awarded honours for academics, while Roelf van der Merwe achieved full colours for academics. I hope this serves to encourage the younger forms in the house to aim for academic success.

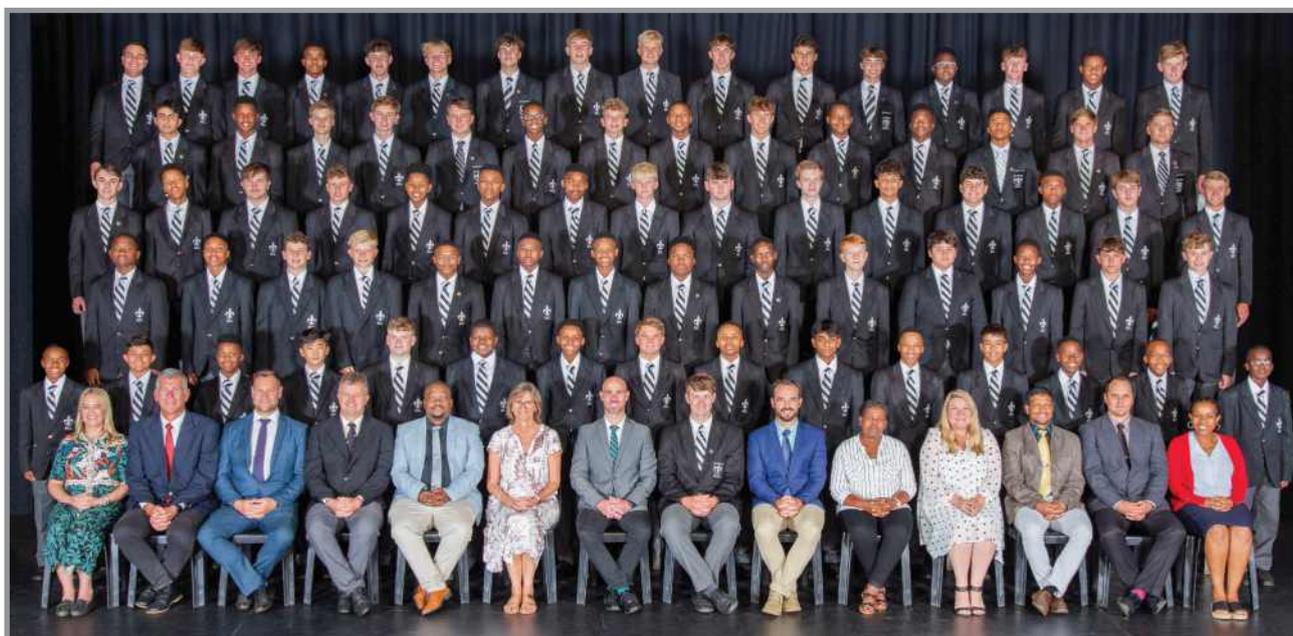
McKenzie performed exceptionally well in the sports arena, winning the interhouse rugby, hockey and longest drive, as well as placing third in the circular drive relay. In terms of school sport, we had more than 20 boys representing Hilton at 1st team level. We also had five boys represent South Africa in their codes: Meyer Malherbe (SA U16 water polo), Dan den Bakker (SA U19 Schools hockey), David Tshebi (SA U21 hockey), Ethan Bester (SA Schools U19 rugby) and I (SA Men's Golf Squad and SA schools).

Probably due to the Covid years, there was a distinct separation between boys in the older forms and those in younger forms. To foster connection, we hosted house braais and courtyard sports games. It was great to see the younger boys integrate and a family culture develop in McKenzie. In an attempt to help the younger boys find their voices in the house, we established a "house council", with one representative from each dorm and the head of house. I think this worked well and hope it can be developed and improved in years to come.

Finally, a message to my brothers at McKenzie: Live in the present and enjoy every moment at Hilton and in McKenzie. It will be over in a flash. Try new things, develop your skills and take on challenges because this is what will develop your character. Spend time with your McKenzie brothers, as these bonds are for life and you never know when it may be your last moment with them. Treat McKenzie as your home and you shall reap the rewards.

I leave the house in the capable hands of Oliver Joyner, who I am sure will do a tremendous job. Oliver, I am certain that you will lead McKenzie to new heights, and I wish you nothing but the best for the next year.

**Christopher Bagnall**  
Head of House



**Row 6:** AbuBakr Mussa, Charles Swart, Matthew Hayes, Kedirestwe Mbaakanyi, Adam Wesselink, Ashton Haslam, Connor Paton, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Connor Jerome, Matthew Peters, Luke Warren, Tristan Paton, Matuma Mojepelo, Michael Sara, Akhona Kunene  
**Row 5:** Aman Wadhvani, Liso Ngoqo, Luke Holden, Benjamin Guimaraens, Flynn Newell, Kigen Chepkonga, Connor Sawyer, Liphapang Mokoena, Retief Malherbe, Saphiwa Nimande, Tayedza Jaravaza, Marumo Selane, Matt Wilson  
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**Row 2:** Oyena Zulu, Caleb Barradas, Ntando Nyabonda, Kenyu Chiang, Dan Carver, Lefa Motsumi, Khalane Moletsane, Mitchel Wilson, Moeletsi Moletsane, NBekindra Reddy, Similo Mkhungo, Daniel Barradas, Wanga Zulu, Thuto Phakisi, Seriti Bannalothle,  
**Row 1:** Ms Claudia Plunkett, Mr Michael Werth, Mr Brett Udal, Mr Paul Venter, Mr Lesego Mokoka, Ms Sarah Bien, Mr Chris Carey, Declan Sawyer, Mr James Robey, Ms Doris Ngcobo, Ms Carolyn van Zuydam, Mr Noel Robert, Mr Tienie van Wyk, Ms Thembile Zuma

## Newnham

What a year it has been!

In 2022, the Newnham matrics set out to uplift the boys, maintain a sense of family in the house and achieve more in the various spheres of school life.

The boys started the school year more excited than ever. The 2021 matrics left us with big shoes to fill and we were determined to leave a legacy of greatness. Many Newnham boys made us proud this year.

Firstly, Newnham had four boys elected to leadership positions for 2023, up from three in 2022. We are proud of them all and know they will achieve great things.

A major goal for this year was to improve the academic standing of the house and our matric group set the standard with five boys achieving academic honors, and Felix Jenkins being awarded dux of the new Cambridge Assessment International Education programme.

On the sport side, Newnham scooped titles in interhouse events, raising morale in the house. We had boys representing the house and school at SA schools and provincial level. Lastly, Newnham boys achieved honours for marimbas and culture. It was pleasing to see our

house make its mark in all areas of the school this year. A very special thanks to Mr Chris Carey and Mrs Sarah Bien, who are both leaving Newnham, for their significant contributions to the house. We wish both all the best for the future and thank them for all the memories (and laughs). To Mr James Robey, Mrs Doris Ngcobo and the cleaning staff, thank you for your hard work in ensuring the house is the best it can be.

To Mr Matt Fairweather and Mrs Reshmee Mohanlal who will be taking over from Mr Carey and Mrs Bien, I wish you the best of luck and have no doubt that the house will be raised to the next level!

I wish Matthew Peters and his fellow matrics all the best for 2023 as they take Newnham to new heights. Thank you to the boys of Newnham for an amazing five years and for helping us matrics create a legacy.

**Declan Sawyer**  
Head of House



**Row 7:** Stewart Falconer, Caleb Venter, Nicholas Yu, Connor Segar, James McGregor, Kristofer Watt, Kwame Huyberechts, Luke Rowe, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Chad Swanepoel, Wian Liebenberg, Christopher Harty

**Row 6:** Bryce Johnson, Chris Johnson, Joel Kitshoff, Andrew Harding, Oliver Mann, Alex Hayward, Rorisang Nkosi, Guy Hampson, Robert James, Modupe Ogunronbi, Nic Harcourt, Lesedi Mangwale, Oluhle Thwala

**Row 5:** Josh Grant, Luke Spear, Siyamkela Maphumulo, Robbie Hayward, Onke Kweyama, Angus Loughor-Clarke, Jarrod Siddall, Nicholas Youens, Byron Chandler, Tom Peattie, Guy Harcourt, Fin Dalrymple, James Ogilby, James Youens

**Row 4:** Lulu Lewane, Charlie Foster, Jaiden Wilde, Jack Carsten, Ivan Jjuuko, Sabelo Skosana, Mathubamahle Xaba, Masud Dakile, Sedise Moseneke, Joshua Julius, Ethan Smith, Buhle Gqwaaru, Dylan Neill

**Row 3:** Barack Munawa, Ketsa Motsa, Uyapo Ndwapu, Mpho Makulana, Thami Ncube, Luthando Ntshangase, Jack Guye, Ngcobu Nkululeko, Gcina Gqwaaru, Kearabetswe Khoele, Jarred Kitto, Jack Benkenstein, Andiswa Thwala, Matthew Wilson

**Row 2:** Erin Kihara, Mvila Ncongwane, Ben Mann, Khuzwayo Mholi, Luke Wilson, Ofentse Mamojele, James Voller, Tshiamo Mashishi, Ndalo Moyo, William Segar, Fernando Ebineng, Lance Kitto, Daniel Askew

**Row 1:** Mr Graeme Evans, Mrs Kim Lindie, Mr Alexei du Bois, Ms Precious Mwelase, Mr James Bullough, Olwethu Kweyama, Jack Waterhouse, Mr Matt Fairweather, Ms Nonhlanhla Majola, Mr Bruce MacLachlan, Mrs Pamela Neethling, Mr Orateng Motsoe, Mr Andrew Duncan, Ms Liezl Scholtz

## Pearce

Our school enjoyed a tremendously successful 150th year thanks in part to contributions made by the boys of Pearce, on the sports fields and in the classrooms.

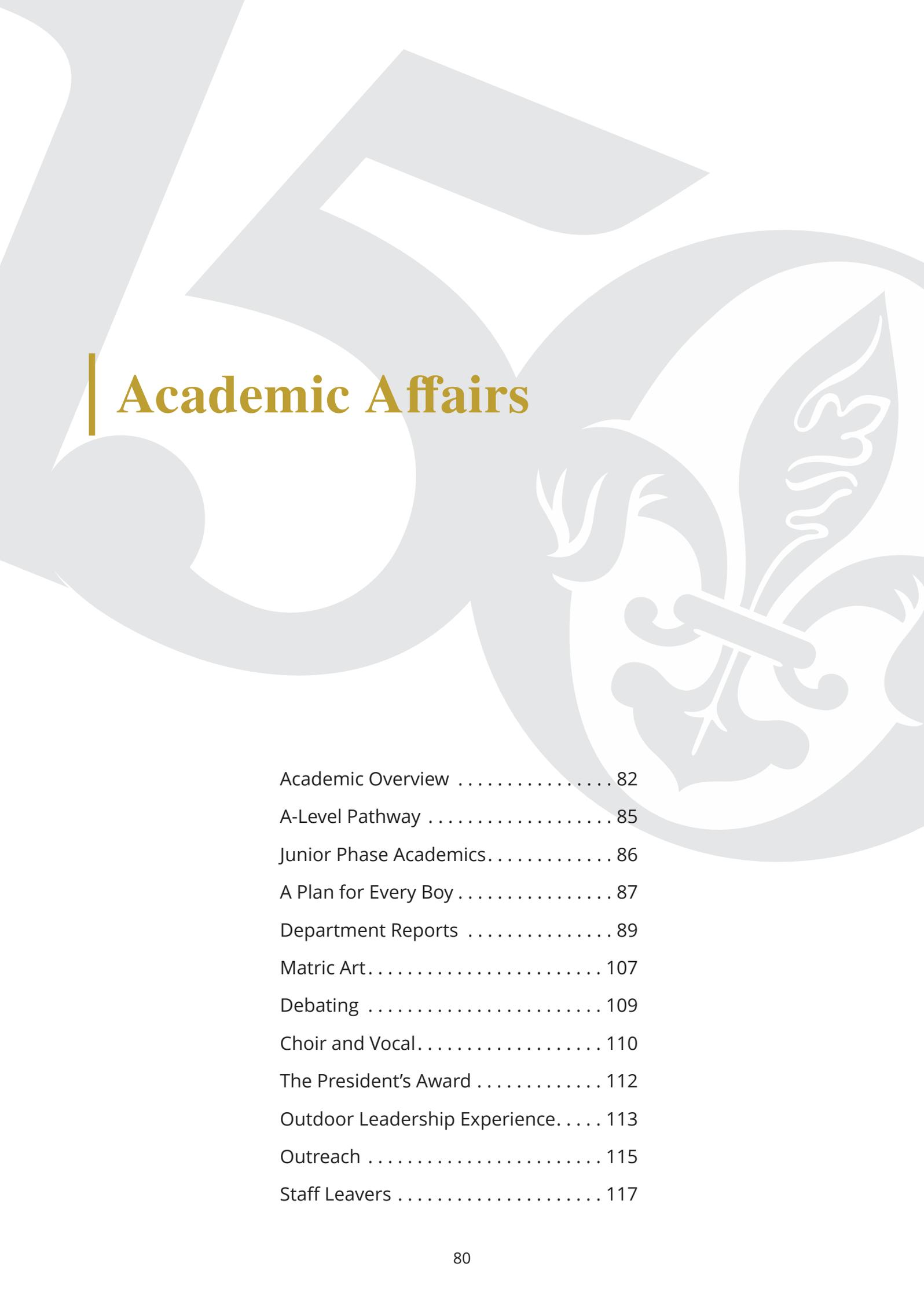
Our house owes its success to housemaster Mr James Bullough and deputy housemaster Mr Matt Fairweather, who brought out the best in our boys. They were ably supported by house manager Mrs Nonhlanhla Majola and housekeeper Ms Precious Mwelase, who are the backbone of the house. These women made a tangible difference in our lives, from dealing with buttonless blazers to last-minute leave requests. We are immensely grateful, ma'am!

The boys of Pearce flew the Hilton flag high on many fronts. More than 10 boys represented KwaZulu-Natal in various sports and made notable achievements, including Jake Carstens who was selected for SA Schools cricket. William Segar came first in his grade for academics and a number of Pearce boys in form one were ranked in the top seven for academics. The form two boys ensured that there was never a dull moment in the house. Good luck to the matrics of 2023! A few of our boys in form three were selected for exchange, which is a fantastic achievement.

To the form four boys, we wish you all the best for the year ahead. I have no doubt that under the leadership of Jack Hampson, Pearce will rise to new heights.

To my dorm, we have thrived in some areas and we have fallen short, too. Regardless of our individual differences, every day has been entertaining. Let us never forget where we started and what we shared, together. Much has been gifted to us, so let's go out there and make a difference.

**Jack Waterhouse**  
Head of House



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## Overview

### 2022 IEB matric results

I am proud to present the IEB National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination results for the matric class of 2022. These results reflect the quality of our boys' work and will set them up to succeed in their tertiary studies and the world of work.

My thanks and congratulations to all of my colleagues for an outstanding job done in supporting and inspiring our learners. These excellent results are a testimony to their dedication and professionalism. I am both proud of and grateful to the wonderful team I work alongside.

Eighty-seven candidates wrote the NSC final examinations. The class of 2022 achieved a 100% matric pass rate and 99% Bachelor's degree pass rate. Eighty-six of 87 learners received a matric exemption and 84% of all their symbols were a C or higher (compared to 81% in 2021).

### Scholar of the Year

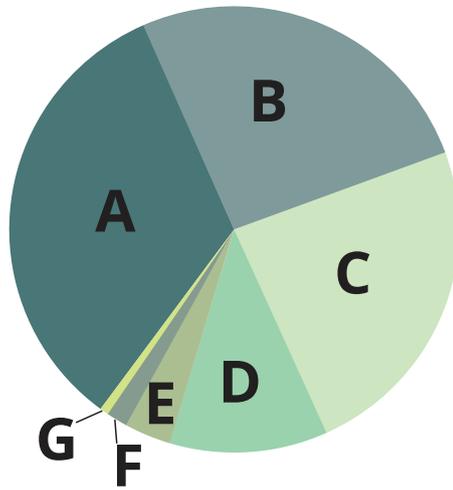
Our Scholar of the Year was Tanner Bailey who achieved eight distinctions and an average of 92%. The Proxime Accessit, Thomas Roy, achieved seven distinctions and an average of 89%.

### Distinctions

A total of 210 distinctions (2.4 As per learner) were achieved. Thirty-five of the 87 candidates achieved three or more distinctions, compared to 35 of 110 boys in 2021.

Year	As per learner	% A	% B	% C	% D	% E	% F	% G
2020	2.7	36.0	26.0	20.0	10.4	4.84	1.8	0.38
2021	1.95	26.94	29.2	24.3	9.8	6.27	2.9	0.63
<b>2022</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.01</b>

**2022 Matric Results:  
Percentage of  
Symbols Achieved**



A	34%
B	27%
C	23%
D	11%
E	4%
F	1%
G	0.01%

**Distinctions per candidate**

**Eight distinctions**

1. Christopher Bagnall (Afrikaans FAL, English HL 90%, Economics 93%, Geography, History 91%, Life Orientation, Maths, Physical Science)
2. Tanner Bailey (Afrikaans FAL 90%, English HL 90%, Economics 95%, French 94%, Life Orientation, Maths 95%, Further Maths; Physical Science 96%)

**Seven distinctions**

1. Meshack Mbokota (Economics 94%, English HL, isiZulu FAL, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Maths, Physical Science)
2. Flynn Newell (Economics, English HL, Life Orientation 92%, Maths 93%, Physical Science 92%, Visual Arts, Further Maths 91%)
3. Tristan Paton (Accounting 93%, Afrikaans FAL, Economics 94%, English HL, Geography 93%, Life Orientation 93%, Maths)
4. Matt Rout (Afrikaans FAL, Economics 93%, English HL,

- Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Maths 93%, Physical Science)
5. Thomas Roy (Afrikaans FAL, Economics 96%, English HL, History, Life Orientation, Maths 92%, Physical Science)
6. Roelf van der Merwe (Afrikaans FAL, Economics, English HL, Life Orientation 90%, Life Sciences, Maths 91%, Physical Science)
7. Zack van Niekerk (Afrikaans FAL 95%, Economics 92%, English HL, Information Technology, Life Orientation, Maths, Physical Science)

**Six distinctions**

1. Michàl de Beer (Afrikaans FAL 93%, Economics, English HL, Life Sciences, Maths, Physical Science)
2. Justin Green (Economics 90%, Information Technology 91%, Life Orientation, Maths 95%, Physical Science 93%, Further Maths 90%)
3. Christopher Harty (Economics 92%, English HL, History 92%, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Maths)
4. Oliver Lello (Accounting, English HL, Life Orientation 92%, Life Sciences, Maths, Physical Science)

**Five distinctions**

1. Murray Dahl (Economics, English HL, Geography, History, Life Orientation)
2. Kwame Huyberechts (Economics, English HL, French 93%, History 90%, Life Orientation)
3. Travis Lord (Drama, Economics, English HL, History, Life Orientation)
4. Callum Lupton-Smith (Economics 92%, Life Orientation 90%, Life Sciences, Maths 96%, Physical Science 91%)
5. Connor Paton (Information Technology 93%, Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Maths, Physical Science 92%)
6. Benjamin Watt (Economics, Geography, Life Orientation, Maths, Physical Science)

**Four distinctions**

1. Jake Carstens (Economics, Life Orientation, Maths, Physical Science)
2. Thomas Haynes (Economics, English HL, History, Life Orientation)
3. Nicholas Hirschowitz (Economics 90%, Life Sciences, Life Orientation, Maths)

**Matric Results 2022**

**100%**  
PASS RATE

**99%**  
BD PASS

210

A SYMBOLS

71%

of all candidates achieved one or more distinctions

84%

of all symbols achieved were a C or higher

**8** DISTINCTIONS  
2 Candidates

**7** DISTINCTIONS  
7 Candidates

**6** DISTINCTIONS  
4 Candidates

**5** DISTINCTIONS  
6 Candidates

**4** DISTINCTIONS  
5 Candidates

**3** DISTINCTIONS  
11 Candidates

2.4

Distinctions per candidate

4. Andrew Moravec (Economics, History, Life Orientation, Life Sciences)
5. Ross Taylor (Drama 94%, English HL, History, Life Orientation)

### Three distinctions

1. Chukwuemeka Ezenwugo (Economics, Life Orientation, Further English)
2. Ashton Haslam (English HL, History, Life Orientation)
3. Olwethu Kweyama (Drama, History, isiZulu FAL 90%)
4. Adolf Lüderitz (Afrikaans FAL, Economics, Life Orientation)
5. Mophethe Malie (Economics, History, Life Orientation)
6. Risimati Mkhabela (Economics, History, Life Orientation)
7. Zavier Rey (Accounting, Economics, Life Orientation)
8. Matthew Sara (Life Orientation, Life Sciences, Maths Literacy)
9. Marumo Selane (Economics, History, Life Orientation)
10. Jack Waterhouse (Economics, History, Life Orientation 94%)
11. Adam Wesselink (Economics, Life Orientation, Visual Arts)

### Two distinctions

1. Jonathan Ferguson (Economics, Life Orientation 90%)
2. Buhle Gqwaaru (Economics, isiZulu FAL 91%)
3. Rourke Luscombe (Engineering Graphics & Design, Life Orientation)
4. Anelisa Maphumulo (Drama, isiZulu FAL)
5. Olwethu Mbala (isiZulu FAL 90%, Life Orientation)
6. Yamkela Mkize (Drama, isiZulu FAL)
7. Lesedi Mogashoa (Economics, History)
8. Christopher Roy (History, Life Orientation)
9. Olwakhe Shezi (Economics, isiZulu FAL)
10. Jarrod Siddall (Economics, Life Orientation)
11. Scott Winskill (Economics, Maths)
12. Nicholas Youens (Engineering Graphics & Design, Life Orientation)



### One distinction

1. Siyabonga Buthelezi (History)
2. Daniel Den Bakker (Maths Literacy)
3. Reece-James Du Toit (Maths Literacy)
4. Thomas Dyer (Maths Literacy)
5. Charlie Foster (Music)
6. Ndalo Gumede (Music)
7. Jonathan Horak (Life Orientation)
8. Campbell Immelman (History)
9. Kieran Kilmartin (Life Orientation)
10. Timothy King (Geography)
11. Tshiamo Lehomo (Life Orientation)
12. Andile Matsa (Drama)
13. Casey Nicholson (Geography)
14. Bataung Ramolefe (Economics)
15. Matthew Wilson (Life Orientation)

### Commendable Achievements

We had two learners who achieved nationally within the top 5% in five subjects and achieved a rating level of 7 in Life Orientation:

- Tanner Bailey
- Tristan Paton

### Candidates in the top 1% per subject

Seven of our boys achieved in the top 1% in the country in the following subjects: Afrikaans First Additional Language (FAL), Economics, English Home Language (HL), Geography, Life Orientation and Physical Science.

Afrikaans FAL	Zack van Nieker
Economics	Thomas Roy Tanner Bailey
English HL	Christopher Bagnall Tanner Bailey
Geography	Tristan Paton
Life Orientation	Jack Waterhouse
Physical Science	Tanner Bailey Justin Green

I am proud of our learners and staff for achieving these remarkable results. I would like to congratulate everyone who has worked tirelessly to exceed expectations. The class of 2022, under the guidance of their teachers and parents, has truly impressed us, and we wish them the very best of luck for their future endeavours. I hope these young gentlemen are filled with excitement and anticipation for the next significant chapter in their lives.

### New roles 2023

Mrs Ashleigh Askew stepped down as Deputy-Director Academics, Junior Phase. Mrs Tania Hurley will assume this role in 2023.

I wish all of my colleagues great joy, fulfilment and success in 2023.

**Hanlie Dry**  
*Director Academics*

The Cambridge International Education (CIE) A-Level Pathway is designed to offer pupils the freedom to pursue their passions, while also providing them with the structure and support they need to succeed. This has allowed many pupils to move from being underperformers in subjects that they had little interest in, to being top-performing A-Level pupils. Another major benefit of the A-Level programme is the focus on independent learning periods, which have allowed pupils to pursue their additional academic interests. Some pupils have taken courses in sustainability, psychology, and philosophy, and these experiences have had a profound effect on their confidence and success in working with a diverse group of peers and adults.

A popular fixture in the A-Level calendar is the termly A-Level dinner. These dinners involve all A-Level boys and A-Level teachers in the Fleur-de-Lys Club and present unique learning opportunities for these pupils, from focusing on university aspirations and application strategies to receiving advice from the A-Level pupils in the year above. These dinners serve as a reminder of their future goals and the path to achieving them.

In 2022, Hilton College produced its first cohort of grade 12 A-Level graduates, marking a significant milestone in the school's history. With results that exceeded expectations, more than 80% of the symbols achieved by the candidates ranged from a C to an A\* (scoring in the top 10% globally), showcasing our pupils' dedication and hard work over the past two years. This is a remarkable achievement, given the rigorous and challenging nature of the A-Level programme combined with the demands of Hilton's busy extracurricular programme.



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On average, our candidates earned one distinction for at least one of their three subjects, demonstrating their exceptional abilities and mastery of their chosen fields of study. This is a testament to the high-quality education they received at Hilton, where they were supported by dedicated teachers who encouraged them to reach their full potential, including during a range of evening and weekend classes.

The success of these matriculants has created many exciting opportunities for them as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. Each of the candidates has secured a place at either a top South African university or an international university, offering them a range of possibilities for further study and career possibilities. We are extremely proud of our A-Level graduates and their impressive achievements. Their hard work and dedication have paid off.

In conclusion, the success of Hilton's first cohort of A-Level graduates is a celebration of their individual and collective efforts, and a testament to the exceptional quality of education and support provided by the school. We wish them all the best as they embark on the next exciting phase of their lives.

#### Top Achievers in A-Levels included:

Felix Jenkins, our A-Levels Scholar of the Year for 2022, who achieved in Thinking Skills (A\*), Mathematics (A), Economics (A).

Cameron Gray: History (A), Economics (A), English Literature (A).

Kristofer Watt: English Literature (A), Economics (A), Mathematics (B).

Declan Sawyer: Accounting (A\*), Mathematics (B), History (C).

Ross Short: Physics (A\*), Accounting (B), Mathematics (C).

Ayaan Jakhura: Physics (A), Mathematics (A), Biology (C).

Newo Munyai: Physics (A), Economics (B), Mathematics (B).

Ryan Basson: Economics (A), Accounting (B), Mathematics (C).

Five of our A-Level candidates achieved marks in the top 10% or higher globally in at least one of their A-Level subjects. Among them were Angus Loughor-Clarke for Geography, Declan Sawyer for Accounting, and Ross Short for Physics.

According to the Stellenbosch University benchmark test: An A-Level A\* is equal to 95% in the same subject at IEB; An A-Level A is equal to 90% in the same subject at IEB; An A-Level B is equal to 85% in the same subject at IEB; An A-Level C is equal to 80% in the same subject at IEB.

**Dr Alexei du Bois**

*Director of International Learning*



# Junior Phase Academics

## Grade 8 and 9 Curricula

Interconnection and problem-based learning are integral components of the grade 8 and 9 curricula. Each year, grades 8 and 9 work collaboratively towards developing a deeper understanding of social, environmental and economic issues that impact us locally, nationally and internationally. The objectives of a project of this nature are to develop an attitude of awareness, insight and understanding of significant societal issues and to foster a sense of responsibility. In addition, it is important that the boys understand how various subjects are interrelated and understand that the knowledge that is gained in one subject area directly correlates to the understanding and mastery of another discipline. Finally, the project aims to foster cross-grade relationships and challenge outdated notions of hierarchy.

In 2022 we selected the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as our focus area. The project ran over a period of seven months whereby boys partnered with their house "buddy" and took part in a series of activities that developed an understanding of what the SDGs are and the importance of striving to achieve them. Boys were introduced to the notion of systems thinking and the importance of thinking about relationships, as opposed to the seeing the world in separate parts.

In their pairs, boys took part in the following five modules:

Module	Subjects Involved
Using Language as a Tool to Tackle Inequality	isiZulu, Afrikaans, English, French
Using Light, Water and Plants to Address Global Hunger	Life Science, Physical Science and Art
Transforming Transport for a Sustainable Future	Geography, Economics and Mathematics
Exploring Music and the People's Power	History and Music
Considering Corporate Responsibility through the Medium of Slam Poetry	Drama, Life Orientation, Accounting

The project culminated in partners delivering a presentation to their tutor groups reflecting on key learnings and relating these to relevant and current events. The boys showed great understanding and insight into social, economic and environmental issues and communicated these to a wider audience confidently, clearly and knowledgeably. Most importantly, they demonstrated an understanding of the relationship between various subject areas and how the knowledge they had gained could assist in achieving the SDGs.

## Grade 8 and 9 Elective Offering

The elective offering is now an established component of our junior curriculum. Not only does the exposure to a varied menu of subjects provide boys with the opportunity to explore what is on offer at Hilton College, but it has enabled the grade 9s to be better informed when selecting subject packages for their grade 10 year.

In 2022, boys could select from the following subjects: An Introduction to French, An Introduction to isiZulu, Music Exploration, An Introduction to Engineering Graphics and Design, An Introduction to Sports Science, An Introduction to Agricultural Science, A Literacy Development Programme, A Mathematics Development Programme. In 2023, we will add an advanced mathematics module to that list as an extension programme.

## Outstanding Academic Achievement

William Segar received the AJ Cook Prize for being placed first in grade 8 and Neil Grobbelaar received the Griffin Memorial Prize for achieving the top results in grade 9.

Congratulations to both boys on their outstanding results. The following boys achieved commendable results:  
Grade 8: Nyiko Mabunda, Khalane Moletsane, Luke Wilson and Matthew Wilson  
Grade 9: André Boshoff, Ben Erasmus, Erin Kihara and Reinard Wagner

Congratulations to these academic prize winners.

**Ashleigh Askew**  
*Deputy Director of Academics*



*William Segar*



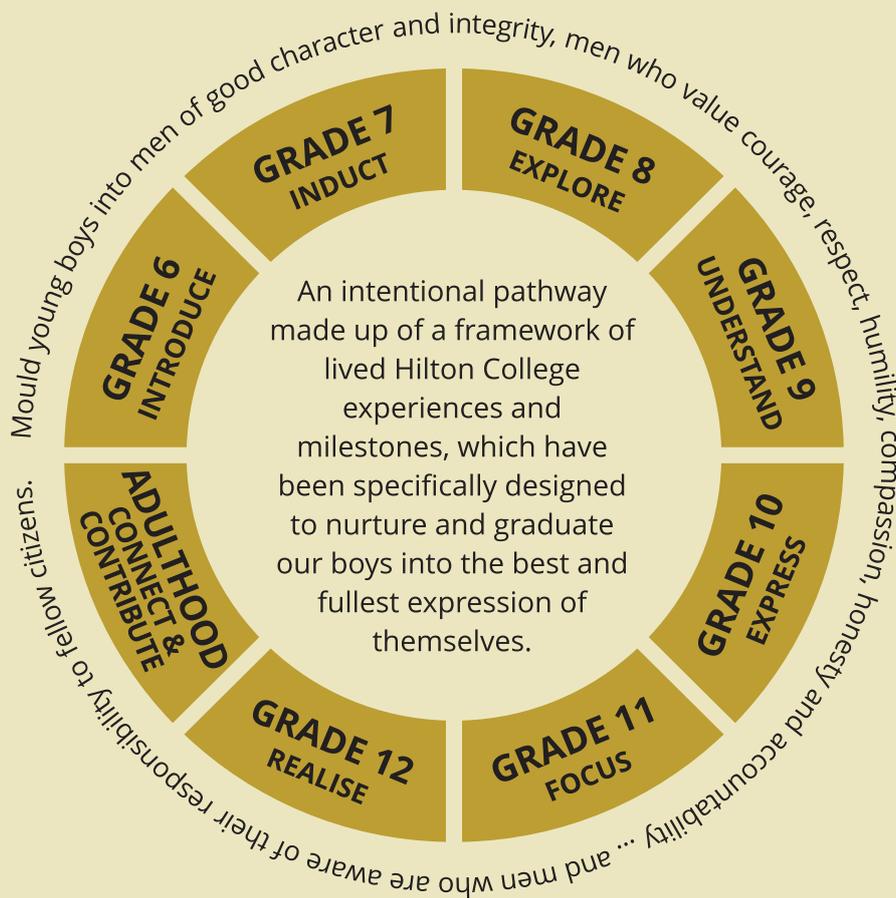
*Neil Grobbelaar*

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## Accounting

The 2022 academic year was a disruptive one for the department, with me spending some time off recuperating from emergency surgery and then later in the year, the surprise resignation of Mr Brad Anderson. After 23 years, Brad left to take up a deputy head position at King Edward VII School in Gauteng. While we miss him, we are very pleased for him to be in a role for which he is well suited.

We were fortunate to have an outstanding intern, Mr Josh Holdt, who very capably stepped in and supported the department through the periods of disruption. Miss Juliet Morulane has been appointed to take up the vacant position at the start of 2023. She comes to us from Parktown Girls, and we look forward to her joining the department and the passion and enthusiasm that she will bring.

Our 2022 grade 12 results were pleasing. This was the first year of having boys sit either the IEB or the CIE exit examinations. Our IEB boys fared well, with Tristan Paton earning the top mark. Earlier in the year, Paton was awarded the accounting prize for the top IEB accounting student.

The CIE boys, similarly, fared well with Declan Sawyer coming out on top with an A\* result. Sawyer was awarded the accounting prize for top CIE accounting student at the grade 12 prizegiving ceremony in the fourth term. Aside from the top achievers, many boys pulled their marks up by a symbol or two and for this we commend them. Subject prizes were also awarded to Zimele Khumalo (grade 11) and William Chien (grade 10) for the 2022 academic year.

Our grade 10 boys had the opportunity to visit the nearby business of a parent. Busby Oils Natal, a leading producer in pharmaceutical eucalyptus oil, hosted the boys and they were enriched by learning about business practice in a real-life situation. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

On the professional development front, in addition to the regular offerings for the staff internally, I participated in an extension course offered by the University of Cape Town on cost and management accounting and Mr Jaco van Dyk visited the Toyota factory in Durban to learn more about their lean (kaizen) production. Both these experiences will enrich our offering in the classroom.

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I have stated before that possibly one of the best ways to prepare our students for their final examination is for teaching staff to mark matric papers at the end of the year. I was very pleased to have representation on both Accounting Paper 1 and Paper 2 for the IEB marking session at the end of 2022. Hopefully in the future, we will get the opportunity to gain experience in CIE marking.

I am excited for 2023 with all the opportunities and challenges it will bring.

**Teresa Whitfield**  
Head of Department

## Afrikaans

In today's increasingly global and connected world, we are called to interact with people from different cultures who speak an array of languages. Achieving bilingualism and proficiency in a second language is important for everyone, but especially for 21st-century learners.

For today's Hilton College learners, mastery of a second language will be critical to finding employment in the future workforce. Increasingly, South African employers are seeking candidates who speak multiple languages for both low- and high-skilled positions. That is, even those with only a high school education may need another language to find a job.

The benefits of achieving fluency in a language like Afrikaans go beyond securing employment. Research shows that language learning can not only boost a student's reading abilities but also positively impact their results in other subjects. Learning another language can provide cognitive benefits for learners. Studies show a correlation between bilingualism and problem solving, as well as improved verbal and spatial abilities. It is also linked to having a better attention span and offsetting age-related cognitive loss.

Reflecting on 2022, every boy who took Afrikaans enjoyed the opportunity to develop his language skills and vocabulary. Each lesson was taught with enthusiasm and dedication and the Afrikaans staff worked extremely hard to make lessons and the learning experience a success. In the third term, our matric boys enjoyed the live PIT Production of their prescribed works and, yet again, it was very enjoyable.

At the start of the year we welcomed Mr Cameron Fraser to our department and have been enriched by his humor, stories, and his love for teaching Afrikaans. It is an honour to have him in the team.

Our Afrikaans teachers are highly qualified and dedicated to their subject. They have many years of teaching experience, matric marking and being subject moderators for other schools. We work well together and try to impart our love of Afrikaans to our learners. This is evident in our pass rate and the great results achieved by boys who take part in the senior and junior Afrikaans Olympiad. The ethos in the department is to be proactive and to keep abreast of all things Afrikaans. At Hilton College, the Afrikaans language, culture and creativity are indispensable.

Our successes in 2022 include outstanding results above the national IEB averages and Zack van Niekerk achieving in the top 1% of the country for Afrikaans.

It was a year of hard work, effective communication, judicious use of technology to improve our online teaching, and problem solving through critical thinking.

**Leana Steenkamp**  
Head of Department

## Dramatic Arts

In the words of Australian demographer Simon Kuestenmacher, "The most important subject in school is not necessarily maths or science to survive in the tech world. It would be theatre – drama – where you learn how to interact with other people in a collaborative way." Kuestenmacher went on to argue that the benefit of dramatic arts in schools is in the social development of young people linked to creative problem solving.

As we emerge from the isolation of Covid-19 our need to become more socially connected, more empathetic, more understanding is all-the-more critical. This is certainly the aim of our approach to teaching dramatic arts at Hilton College. In grades 10, 11, 12 and most recently also A Levels, we study a variety of plays, both local and international, that challenge the boys' perceptions, igniting lively classroom debate. In the practical space, boys are encouraged to take creative risks that get them out of their comfort zones that they may see the world from a different perspective.

This year was a particularly tough year for the Grade 12 pupils who suffered the tragic loss of their friend Oyisa Pupuma. Oyisa was extraordinarily talented and integral to

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our drama classes. The boys were broken by his sudden passing. Art is a powerful vehicle for personal pain, and dramatic arts is a subject that can take you as you are: heartbroken and all. In the end, the boys were able to channel their pain and create some truly excellent work in the name of their dear friend.

In the final practical examination, the external examiner made mention of a number of boys. Andile Matsa was the top performer in the programme, achieving 100% for his monologue. Other top performers mentioned were Yami Mkize, Ross Taylor, Olwethu Kweyama and William Ellis. She made specific mention of the grade as a whole achieving deep emotional connectedness with their content, their often superb physicality and strong vocal presence. In the final examination, 50% of the grade achieved As overall, with Ross Taylor achieving an A+. Our grade 11 pupils achieved three As and our grade 10 pupils achieved two As and four Bs.

I am delighted by the outcome of my first year as head of this department. I look forward to what 2023 has to offer as we further shake off the burden of the recent Covid-19 years and stretch our limbs on the stage floor boards.

**Jenine Warren**  
Head of Department

## Economics

As a department, we are very proud of the academic accomplishments of our boys in the 2022 IEB Final Examinations. They achieved an average of 75.4% (way above the national average of 62.4%). More than half of the 68 matriculants who wrote IEB Economics achieved above 80% of which 54% achieved distinctions and 87% achieved A to C symbols. Pleasingly, as was the case last year, was the improvement of those boys who achieved their best results in economics since being at Hilton. Notably, Thomas Roy and Tanner Bailey were in the top 1%, or top six, in the country. We are exceptionally pleased with their outstanding achievements and commend them for their diligence over the past five years.

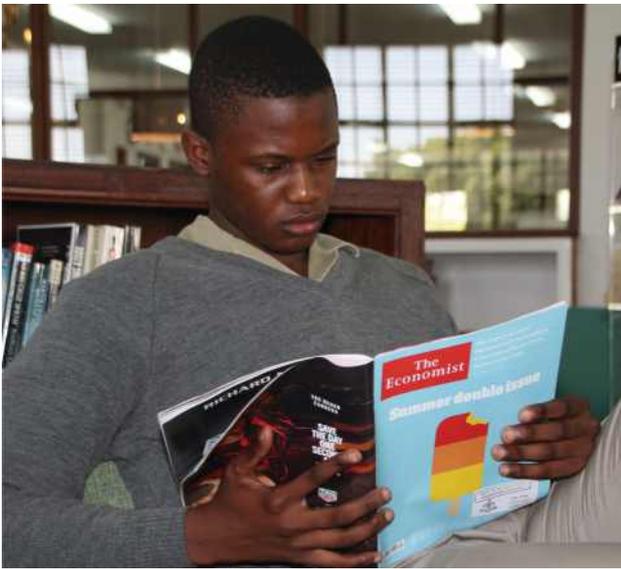
We had our first full set of A-Level results and are very proud of our boys who followed the CIE pathway. Four boys achieved an A, 82% of the boys achieved A, B or C symbols for their Economics A Level. These marks do not include remarks.

### Essay competition

For the first time, independent schools were invited to take part in the South African Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee's Essay Competition. Our team, comprising Ryan Basson, Khumo Kwakwa, Avuyile Mabada



Doug Couperthwaite



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and Newo Munyai, wrote a detailed statement advising the SARB, using current data and global events to guide their decision. The bank's markers commended our boys on their essay, which bodes well for those who participate in future essay competitions.

We were fortunate to have Michael Porter, an economist from Harvard House, who provided our grade 12s with deep insights into the local economy. His knowledge and analysis of recent data benefited the boys significantly and added to their economics toolkit which they went on to use effectively in assessments.

We are delighted by the number of boys reading a variety of economics books from the library that go far beyond the curriculum. These books cover a range of topics and branches of economics.

A significant number of boys have opted for career in or related to economics, which has been offered as a subject at Hilton for close on a decade. Boys who matriculated in 2022 and in the recent past have made a great success of their tertiary education opportunities at top local and international universities. It is encouraging for the department to hear how complimentary these Old Hiltonians are about the foundation they received at Hilton College.

The department has grown with the addition of two exceptionally capable colleagues in Mr William Donkin, who joined us from the UK having spent time in Singapore prior to teaching A-Level Economics, and Mrs Pam Nel, who changed roles at Hilton College after completing her PGCE following years in the corporate world.

Mrs Hanlie Dry and Mr Msizi Mchunu have continued to provide excellent support and tuition to the boys in the department and have both played important roles at the

IEB for economics in recent years. This highlights the calibre of our teaching staff and richly benefits the nearly 500 boys who take economics at our school.

**James Webb**  
Head of Department

## Engineering Graphics and Design

The Engineering Graphics and Design (EGAD) department was relieved, as many were, when the restrictions imposed by Covid were eventually lifted. We were once again able to teach in person and I was able to assist boys more easily in this practical subject, which often requires individual guidance on how boys can improve their drawings in accuracy and neatness. The boys also appreciated the classroom interaction and structure which was lost in the previous years.

The year also saw the first grade 9 boys opting to take EGAD as an elective subject and the second intake of grade 8s who did the same, making it the first year in which the subject was available in all grades. A record intake of grade 10s resulted in the need for two classes. However, numbers declined during the year as boys realized the level of commitment required in this subject, mainly that it is a practice subject requiring time.

Special mention must be made of the EGAD subject prize winners for 2022. They were James Moore in grade 10, Adam Cole in grade 11 and Rourke Luscombe in grade 12. Well done to these boys for always producing work of a high standard and ensuring they took care of the finer details. I am also thankful to the rest of the boys who, although not subject prize winners, brought their best to the classroom, by simply getting on with it, persevering when the work was tough, putting in the extra hours and creating a pleasant classroom environment for everyone. It has been a tremendous privilege to be part of this subjects' growth at Hilton College, being here for four of the five years it has been on offer.

I have enjoyed seeing its expansion to all grades as well as being there when the first boys matriculated with EGAD as one of their subjects. I look forward to further development in this subject.

**Jeremy Piater**  
Head of Department

## English

The department enjoyed a full and satisfying year, in which we welcomed new colleagues and bade farewell to those who have served us over the years.

In January, Mrs Tania Hurley and Mr Craig Wilkinson joined our team; both have proven to be superb and welcome additions to our teaching and the enhancement of our



boys' progress. We also welcomed three interns to the department: Ms Lara Rogers, Ms Coco Mamabolo and Ms Palesa Sera. (Ms Sera moved to a full-time teaching position at PMB Girls' High School during the course of the year; Ms Rogers has joined our department as a fully fledged teacher in 2023 and Ms Mamabolo, who was significant in the support of boys needing one-on-one English during 2022, joined the Maths Department in 2023). We said our farewells to Mrs Kim Lindie, who with her husband, Rich, and son, Hunter, emigrated to Australia mid-year. In addition, after many years' service, Mrs Carolyn van Zuydam withdrew from Hilton College at the beginning of Term 4, 2022.

It was a privilege for our boys to gain from the expertise of Professor Kobus Moolman as a writer in residence in Term 1.

Professor Kobus Moolman, who is Chair of Creative Writing at the University of the Western Cape, as well as a pre-eminent South African poet and short story writer, joined us to lead our grade 10A English class through a two-day creativity workshop. In addition, he led masterclasses with grades 9A, 11A and the Cambridge A-Level English Literature boys. He ended his visit with a reading at a cheese and wine poetry evening for staff. It was an honour and a delight having this inspirational, warm and wonderful man with us.



Hilton College has been offering the English Olympiad programme since 2021, and 2022 saw a pleasing enhancement in participants as well as in attainment: 25 boys sat the examination and Olwakhe Shezi (Class of 2022) and Gabriel Njonjo achieved Gold Certificates. The English masterclass for Grade 6 boys considering joining Hilton College is always fun. It was creatively led by Mrs Ashleigh Askew, who was joined by Mr Bruce MacLachlan, as ghost story raconteur extraordinaire, and me.

Reverend Sean McGuigan's guest, Dr Akeem Ngomu Akilimali, spent a lesson with grade 8 boys talking about his refugee experiences in the context of *The Island*, a picture book that the boys study as part of their English visual literacy and literature syllabus. The grade 8s asked pertinent questions and Dr Akilimali's message of kindness, community and never being afraid to ask for help resonated with everyone present.

In a brief report of this nature, it is impossible to capture every nuance of the flavour of a busy, meaningful year – but readers are encouraged to dip into *Pinnacles*, our annual publication of the boys' writing. You will be moved by the creativity, courage, intellect and authenticity of our boys – those of us, as Brené Brown says, “who are willing to fall because we have learned to rise”.

Thank you to every member of the department and to our interns, who “show up” and give generously of themselves every day.

**Pamela Neethling**  
Head of Department

*Our English classes enjoyed creative writing workshops and masterclasses presented by poet and short story writer Prof Kobus Moolman.*

## French

The French Department had a full and busy year. Amidst teaching and assessments, we hosted a large number of learners and members of the public for DELF exams. Hilton College remains the Pietermaritzburg centre for these internationally recognised and benchmarked tests of French proficiency, and there is a high demand for them. Many of our boys sat these exams too, and we are proud of their results.

Achieving an A1 level were: Lyle Clubb, Travis De Bruyn, Daniel Friend (with distinction), Wim Ebersohn, Sean Kamau, Katlego Moncho (with distinction), AbuBakr Mussa, Thuto Phakisi (with distinction), Sung So, Oscar Steiner, Kingsley Thompson and Jack Weavind (with distinction). Achieving an A2 level were: Oscar Bredenkamp, James Daniels, Tayedza Jaravaza, Zimele Khumalo, Minenhle Makhathini, Similo Mkhungo, James Ogilvie and Luke Warren.

Tanner Bailey achieved a B2 level and Kwame Huyberechts a C1 level.

It is important to us that boys learning French at Hilton College have an experience that goes beyond the classroom. In this vein, we make sure to host and attend a variety of activities for French students around the Midlands area. This year, our grade 8 boys enjoyed an afternoon of pétanque with the St Annes' grade 8 French students; our grade 9s listened to a Sciences Po graduate and translator speak on study and career options for French students; the grade 9 St John's DSG girls learning French joined our grade 9 boys for an afternoon of treasure hunts and dance-offs to French music; our grade 10 boys were hosted by St Anne's for an evening of "speed dating" à la française; our grade 11 boys were invited to a technology-free evening of French board games and delicious food at St John's DSG; and grade 12 French students from various schools in the Midlands and Durban attended the annual Matric French Dinner hosted by our department at the Fleur-De-Lys.

It is always delightful to see the enthusiasm and exuberance with which the students participate in these activities, and a good reminder that learning is not limited to the four walls of a classroom!



We are so proud of our achievers across all grades, both those mentioned below, who were deserving recipients of prizes, and others who did not receive prizes but worked with effort and commitment throughout the year.

### Grade 10:

- 1st prize: Katlego Moncho
- Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French: Sean Kamau and Thuto Phakisi

### Grade 11:

- 1st prize: Zimele Khumalo
- Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French: Minenhle Makhathini and Tayedza Jaravaza
- AS French prize: Joaquim Ozoux

### Grade 12:

- Paul Bester Memorial Prize for French: Tanner Bailey
- Rahmani Prize for Commitment to French: Kwame Huyberechts and Charlie Foster
- A Level French prize: Spencer Wright

A round of congratulations goes to our 2022 grade 12 students. We are so proud of you.

Finally, to my colleagues Juliette and Ghyslaine whose expertise and enthusiasm are unparalleled, and who make teamwork an absolute pleasure, *merci mille fois*.

**Lara Wulfsohn**  
Head of Department



## Geography

There were changes to staffing in the department in 2022, including the addition of Andrew Duncan, who taught a grade 9 class as well as the CIE AS Geography class.

The department enjoyed another successful year. I am pleased to report that we embraced new ideas and new teaching styles to stay relevant and support the learning process. We achieved a good deal which we can be proud of in what was a busy and productive year.

As with previous years, we continued to focus on the development of relevant skills, but at the same time imparting knowledge and understanding in geography. Problem solving, thinking skills, enquiry, values and decision making, flexible thinking, spatial understanding and social, environmental and economic awareness are but some of the focus areas this past year.

Our 2022 matric results were better than expected. Those boys who attended the revision sessions clearly benefited from these. We are very proud of our Geography Prize winner Tristan Payton who achieved 93% and was listed in the top 1% for the subject. We also celebrate the successes of the weaker candidates, some of them improving by a symbol.

It was also the first year that our boys wrote the CIE A-Level Geography examination. One boy achieved an A\* symbol, two boys achieved a B and two a C. For the National Senior Certificate, our boys achieved an average of 69% while the IEB average for the subject was 66%. Most of our boys (74%) achieved an A, B or C for geography: Six achieved an A; 10 achieved a B; and 13 a C symbol.

In 2022 we were able to partake in field trips again and this meant that our boys benefited from experiential learning associated with out-of-classroom activity. The grade 11s visited the Markets of Warwick in Durban and the grade 12s did a drive-through tour of Pietermaritzburg. Experiential learning is a key component of geography and seeing and experiencing geography firsthand helps the boys make sense of concepts covered in the classroom. Geography develops critical skills that are ever increasingly in demand in the workplace and



tertiary institutions. It is our hope that more and more parents and boys will see the importance and value of this in the future.

Our department collaborated with the mathematics and economics departments to develop some valuable lessons for the grade 8s and 9s on the Sustainable Development Goals, focusing particularly on climate change. The intention of this collaborative project is to highlight how all disciplines are connected.

The success of any department depends on the dedication and professionalism of its teachers. I would like to sincerely thank Francois Morgan, Mike Mill and Andrew Duncan for their dedication to the subject this year.

**Karen Koopman**  
*Head of Department*

## History

We were delighted by the 2022 IEB National Senior Certificate results: 19 boys achieved an A symbol and 97% of them got a Level 5 and above. The results were testament to the many hours of work put in by members of the department from when the boys entered grade 8. It was a joy to be able to host the annual History Dinner again. The 2022 function was held in February to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 1921 Miners' Strike. Boys who displayed a passion and flair for the subject were invited to attend. The relaxation of Covid regulations enabled the department to take the grade 9s to the Holocaust Museum in Durban. The trip was a searing reminder to the boys of the cost of prejudice and oppression.

At the beginning of the year the department welcomed Ms Tarryn Daly and Mr Craig Wilkinson. Ms Daly was an intern with us in 2013 and since then taught in a number of IEB schools as well as in China. She has brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to Hilton College and her pupils have thrived under her guidance. Mr Wilkinson returned to his alma mater having taught for a number of years up the North Coast. He is a passionate historian and is a real asset to the department. We wish both these teachers a long and happy stay with us.

**Paul Venter**  
*Head of Department*

## Information Technology

The class of 2022 was the first in two years to enjoy a full year of in-person teaching. A full year in the classroom is imperative to get the best out of candidates. It was notable that none of our learners appeared to have any gaps in their knowledge following years of interruptions and so the year could proceed as "normal".

The grade 12 syllabus is comparatively small compared to grade 11, and through well-practiced teaching techniques, the theory and practical work are quickly covered to allow maximum time for revision, project work and SBA requirements. This ensures that candidates are as well-prepared as they can be for their final examinations. Out of a class of seven we achieved three As, three Bs and one C symbol at the end of the year. I hope this stands as a measure for the 2023 year group to aim at and improve upon!

As in 2021, the IT skills course was once again allocated a few lessons in grade 9 in 2022, making use of lessons from a few subjects on an ad hoc basis. In 2023, the grade 8 course will see some changes to start aligning with the Department of Basic Education's proposed robotics and coding course. The contribution which Mr Allan Fryer, a member of the IT Technical Team, makes in this area cannot be underestimated and he is commended in this regard.

**Bruce MacLachlan**  
*Head of Department*

## IsiZulu

The year got off to an exciting start with us being able to teach in person and without any Covid-19 restrictions.

We continued to offer isiZulu IGCSE and isiZulu as an elective in grades 8 and 9. We are very encouraged by the growing number of boys in grade 8 [taking up the language]. In 2022, Mrs Thembile Zuma joined our

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department in a full-time capacity in the position of isiZulu teacher.

The class of 2022 produced a good set of results. Out of 21 candidates, seven achieved As, four were awarded Bs, eight earned Cs and one got a D symbol. Each year we strive to do better than the previous year. In 2023, we look forward to teaching a bigger group of boys in the isiZulu matric class and we have high hopes for them.

On the isiZulu Cambridge side, we had four candidates who wrote the grade 11 examination. We had two Bs, one C and one D symbol, which was a slight improvement on 2021, but not where we should be.

The traditional aspect of learning isiZulu did not take off in 2022. Unfortunately, provision was not made for it in our budget. Previously boys used to go on excursions where they learnt the isiZulu culture, including traditional medicine (isangoma and inyanga), stickfighting, traditional Zulu food and learning more about the Zulu homestead and what is expected of the youth in that set up. While these concepts are taught in our syllabus, it was more meaningful when boys experienced the culture for themselves. We will resume these excursions in 2024.

At the end of 2022 we bid farewell to Mr Thulani Mhlongo who worked at Hilton College for more than 10 years, six of which as the head of the isiZulu department. Thulani



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has moved back to Clifton School in Durban. We thank him for his contribution to Hilton College and more especially to the isiZulu department and wish him every success.

In the first term of 2023, we will welcome Mr Siphesihle Zondi, who will serve as a locum, and in the second term, Mr Swelihle Mkhwanazi will join us from Maritzburg College to take up a full-time position in the department. We look forward to 2023 and aspire to reach all our goals.

**Charles Ncobeni**  
*Head of Department*

## Life Orientation

Our Life Orientation programme is designed to improve, equip and challenge the lives of boys on a conceptual level as well as practical level for life during and after school. Our dynamic team strives to create safe spaces and our classes prove to be a place where boys feel comfortable to discuss a variety of relevant and challenging topics. The department focuses on critical thinking skills to build superior EQ abilities in each boy. We feel this will serve him well in forming healthy relationships throughout his life and career.

As a department, we are careful when choosing what topics to cover, going above and beyond the curriculum requirements to provide a diverse life education and to meet the boys' needs at various stages of their maturity. Throughout the curriculum we discuss and debate a range of life philosophies. We consult with specialists on specific topics as well as the boy themselves to ensure that our material remains relevant. We have a strong focus on goal setting, subject selection and careers, without neglecting environmental sustainability and humanitarian issues.

New life skills have been included in our programme such as: Managing your personal finances, How to Invest, Entrepreneurial Skills, Sign Language and Presentation Skills. We have also started an annual gender workshop with grade 11 boys in collaboration with St Anne's. This has been a great success so far and provides an exciting space for generating conversation and relating to the opposite sex. Relevant topics that are discussed at different grade levels include: Physical Education/ Monitoring to Improve Physical Health and Mental Wellbeing, Learning and Study Skills, Bullying, Gender Studies, Racism, Substance Abuse, Social Media, Global Citizenship and Sustainability, Online Pornography, Sexual Education and Ethics, Identity, Healthy Relationships, Healthy Choices, Stress Management, Democracy and Human Rights, Subject Selection, Career Opportunities, CV Writing, Interview Skills and much more.

Speakers and select documentaries form an integral part of the curriculum. We cover new and important topics during our Heart Beat days which also forms part of the Life Orientation experience.

Life Orientation is an essential subject which will positively impact your son for life. It is a compulsory subject for grades 8-12.

**Claudia Plunkett**  
*Head of Department*

## Life Sciences

Our 2022 matriculants are to be congratulated on their excellent results. Almost a third (30.6%) achieved an A symbol and 83.3% obtained either an A, B or C symbol.

This year we continued to develop, amongst other skills, those of inquiry, problem solving and critical thinking. Our aim each year is to equip our pupils with the ability to use the Life Sciences concepts they have learnt and to apply this scientific knowledge in their personal lives and as responsible citizens. This will hopefully contribute to them living healthy lifestyles and finding future solutions to sustainable management of our resources.

We always try to extend our pupils and this year they were fortunate enough to be able to listen to Dr Janine Scholefield, a geneticist at the Council for Scientific and Industrial research involved in cutting-edge precision medicine in South Africa, and plastic surgeon Dr Chris Snijman. Thank you to Ms Claudia Plunkett for arranging these guest speakers.

Learning through hands-on practical work is always valuable and some of the highlights of this year include the grade 11s growing bacterial cultures, the grade 10s going onto the estate to do an ecological water study of the Umgeni River, and the grade 8s being able to observe a dissection of a buck on their grade 8 Outdoor Leadership Experience.

As always, we as a department strive to work as a team and try and use any opportunity to collaboratively team teach, share resources and come up with new and innovative ways of teaching and assessing.

For the first time in 25 years we did not collaborate with the Geography Department in teaching the grade 8s Environmental Studies. Instead, we taught the Life Sciences component of natural sciences with the Physical Science Department.

Unfortunately, because the dates of this year's National Science Olympiads were during the school holiday, none of our pupils were able to participate.

I would like to thank our laboratory assistants Charlene Ragubeer, Jabulani Kunene, Zanele Ngubane and my teaching colleagues Ernie Steenkamp, James Robey, Tony Shuttleworth and Liezl Scholtz for all their hard work, dedication, and support throughout the year.

**Tracey Mackenzie**  
*Head of Department*

## Maths

In a school such as Hilton College offering such a diversity of education in academics, sports, arts and culture, mathematics has to fight for its rightful status in the minds of our young men. So, why do we place such importance on this subject? From the International Commission on Mathematical Instruction:

*"Mathematics is a fundamental part of human thought and logic, and integral to attempts at understanding the world and ourselves. Mathematics provides an effective way of building mental discipline and encourages logical reasoning and mental rigour. In addition, mathematical knowledge plays a crucial role in understanding the contents of other school subjects such as science, social studies, and even music and art."*

At Hilton College we strive to make the significance of mathematics real to our students, at whatever level they find themselves, and to give them the confidence to exceed all previous expectations. Through the IEB, students can choose either mathematics or mathematical literacy. The latter, we only start in grade 11.

For our mathematical enthusiasts, we offer further studies mathematics. This is split into two modules: core (paper 1) and elective (paper 2). The elective choice is between statistics, finance & modelling or graph theory & matrices. In rotation, we offer all three. In our CIE curriculum, students can elect to do mathematics, and our real high-fliers might choose further mathematics as an extra A-level subject.

In everything we do, we offer both support and extension opportunities in the afternoons and evenings, as well as during class time. For example, in grade 8, we introduced the boys to the fundamental ideas of computer programming through a board game-based activity. There is no doubt that a typical day at Hilton College can be jam-packed from wake-up to lights-out, but the students are encouraged to attend support [classes] on a regular basis, rather than as an emergency before a test or examination.

Not surprisingly, we are one of the largest departments in the school. We started 2022 by welcoming Lesego Mokoka and Richard Garrett to the team, comprising Graeme Evans (director), Charmaine Padayachee (head of department), Michael Werth, Lionel Julius, Wilbert Tenga, Orateng Motsoe, James Bullough and Margie Mackechnie. We also had a good crop of interns who joined us for the year: Coco Mamabolo, Neliswa Mthethwa, S'celo Zulu and Yongama Tsipa. At the end of the second term, Charmaine decided to spread her wings and take up the appointment of Deputy Head at St Anne's. Although she is missed in the

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department, we celebrate this promotion with her and wish her everything of the best in the future. We welcomed Mrs Jean van Heeswijk to cover Charmaine's teaching load. Sadly, at the end of the year, we also had to bid farewell to Margie, taking up a post in the Actuarial Science Department at the University of Cape Town, as well as Lesego, heading back to Johannesburg for family reasons. We were delighted to secure the services of Mrs Anze Goodwin for 2023 and were pleased that Jean and Coco could stay on with us on a full-time basis.

In every year, we enjoy the visit of some of the grade 7 students who will join Hilton College the following year in grade 8. During this weekend, we try to settle their nerves and give them a feel for what a Hilton education might look like. Our department teamed up with Broll, our maintenance service providers, to design and build a large catapult for firing balloons filled with water. We managed to get some good mathematics into the exercise involving speed, distance and time. But mainly the boys got wet and had fun!

In the third term, we hosted Prof Greg Adams from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania, for a week, as part of his broader tour of South Africa. He entertained a number of our maths classes and also found time to visit various other departments in the school.

Following this, we hosted the inaugural Midlands Mathematical Meander, an invitational maths competition for various schools in the district. A pair from one school





*Our maths learners enjoyed classes by visiting Prof Greg Adams from Bucknell University in Pennsylvania.*

joined a pair from another school to create a team of four. The winners on the day were the team from Kearsney and Howick High. Grateful thanks to Paul de Wet (Shaya Izibalo Maths Institute) for an inspiring talk to the students, Dr Stephen Sproule (St John's College) for his address to the teachers, as well as CASIO and SPAR for their generous sponsorship.

For the first time this year, we got the whole school to write the first round of the Mathematics Olympiad, and to great success, with 45 grade 8s, 34 grade 9s, 33 grade 10s, 32 grade 11s and 41 grade 12s getting through to the second round. Ultimately, we had Justin Green (grade 12) and Neil Grobbelaar (grade 9) progressing to the third and final round, placing them in the top 100 nationally.

In association with the Vula programme at Hilton College, we set up the Vula Maths Club this year. This occurs on several Saturday mornings in the term, and it is an opportunity to work with grade 10 students from local township schools. In the sessions, we cover some syllabus work, but we also try to target the fun, but cognitively challenging, elements of mathematics.

As far as results were concerned, we had a great year in 2022 with 19 boys achieving distinctions in IEB Mathematics at an average of 68%, as well as a further six boys getting distinctions at CIE AS level (matric equivalent) and three distinctions at full A-level.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all the teachers and interns who worked tirelessly as we continue to develop as a department to meet the ever-growing needs of the boys of Hilton College.

**Graeme Evans**  
*Director of Mathematics*



## Music

Over the past two years, there has been significant development in the music department at Hilton College, culminating in the official opening of the Chamberlain Music Centre in November 2022, at the conclusion of the college's 150th celebrations.

### Chamberlain Music Centre

Following the blessing and dedication of the Chamberlain Music Centre in a short ceremony with the whole school, and featuring the competition marimba band, the chief benefactor, David Chamberlain, hosted a celebratory concert that featured the KwaZulu-Natal Philharmonic Orchestra accompanying guest soloists Siyabonga Mpfu (a grade 11 vocal student), Mr Chamberlain, the headmaster George Harris, Brett Udal (violin) and David Orr (organ). This event highlighted the building's suitability for hosting large gatherings around musical performance. The Chamberlain Music Centre boasts the following facilities:

- The Margot Chamberlain Recital Hall, acoustically designed by acoustic engineer Bruce Gessner to meet the best international standards for concert performances, and incorporating the school's rebuilt pipe organ;
- A recording studio for podcasts, live recordings, postproduction projects and other online content;
- A dedicated ensemble rehearsal room;
- An art exhibition cum hospitality area with interleading ablution facilities;
- Dedicated classrooms with a computer laboratory;
- A dedicated marimba performance room that interfaces with the sports fields;
- Sound-proofed teaching and practise rooms and a boys' common room area for evening prep to be merged with musical practise; and
- A staff common room, meeting room and kitchenette.

### Two-organ project

This remarkable project, involving the installation of a new digital organ in the Hilton College Chapel, and the refurbishment and rebuilding of the school's 1937 Rushworth & Dreaper pipe organ as an integrated element in the Margot Chamberlain Recital Hall, was made possible by Old Hiltonian Stephen Crookes. The motivation for the project was to install a more powerful instrument in the school's chapel to support the redevelopment of a culture of congregational singing which is where music education begins in a faith-based school.

The well-timed planning of a new music centre with a concert hall provided the opportunity to preserve the pipe organ for use in a secular performance and rehearsal venue, this supporting the school's "Deeply Traditional, Refreshingly Contemporary" tagline. Hilton College is now one of a few schools in South Africa to have two organs on its campus. A special thanks to Bruce MacLachlan for his commitment to this project and practical help in the dismantling of the pipe organ.



#### **Jazz Band**

**Row 4:** James Dingley, Ntando Ngcobo, Simba Chidakwa, Joshua Lord, Tino Nyabonda, James Ogilby

**Row 3:** Joshua Julius, Thabo Mngomezulu, Jake Hockly, Omohau Mbileni, Zipho Mpofo

**Row 2:** Michael Bird, Ndalo Ngewu, Kgosi Modise, Mpho Makulana, Robert Burman, Miles Cox

**Row 1:** Siya Mpofo, Rowan Cox, Charlie Foster, Ms Simone van Niekerk, Kieran Griffin, Vhuthihi Siwada, Jarred Maltby



#### **Marimba Band**

**Row 3:** Jordan Udal, Siya Mpofo, Shailen Naidoo, Saphiwa Nzimande, Luke Spear, Masud Dakile

**Row 2:** Similo Mkhungo, Zipho Mpofo, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Lwenziwe Sibiya, Thuto Phakisi

**Row 1:** Tim King, Mr Brett Udal, Bataung Ramolefe, Siya Buthelezi, Marumo Selane, Ms Simone van Niekerk, Keitshupile Makola



#### **Prestige Band**

**Row 2:** Siya Mpofo, Shailen Naidoo, Saphiwa Nzimande, Masud Dakile, Kukhanya Mahlangu

**Row 1:** Tim King, Bataung Ramolefe, Siya Buthelezi, Marumo Selane, Keitshupile Makola

## Performance

Alongside the substantial investment in the campus was the re-emergence of live performance after several years of disruption caused by the pandemic. Solo vocalists prepared a jazz-focused programme for Valentine's Day that was presented as a supper theatre performance at Hilton's La Popote restaurant and repeated at St Agnes Church in Kloof.

Two two-school programmes, with St Mary's DSG (Kloof) and Michaelhouse, were reintroduced. In these variety programmes was the inclusion of Chris De Burgh's powerful *The Hands of Man*, sung by the choir and accompanied by instrumentalists from the music department.

The Youth Day performance, *A Night in Soweto*, conceptualized by Simone van Niekerk, allowed our instrumentalists to explore South African jazz while learning much about the role of music in the anti-apartheid struggle. This project was integral to the re-emergence of the college's jazz band.

A brief window of opportunity, with the installation of a new organ at the front of the chapel, and prior to the removal from the chapel of the old organ, meant that it was possible to perform Widor's extraordinary *Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs* as the composer had intended it, with an organ at either end of the sanctuary. This unforgettable and unrepeatable performance was a collaboration between the Drakensberg Boys Choir and the Hilton College Vocal Ensemble.

A new school anthem was commissioned by Hilton College for the 150th celebrations and was premiered at Speech Day, led by the choir and orchestra and involving the entire school community. The work was written by South African composer Grant McLachlan with words by Frank Barry. This compelling work will hopefully find its place in the annual pattern of the school year.

The choir and instrumentalists presented a *Service of Nine Lessons and Carols* at the conclusion of the year, this being another way of creating a depth of experience of music for all Hilton College boys.

### Academic innovation – a musical experience for all

Following the introduction of music as an elective subject in grade 8 in 2021, subject music was introduced as an elective in grade 9 in 2022. Alongside these elective offerings, a grade 8 ensemble programme was introduced

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for all pupils involving practical engagement in three areas: marimbas, djembe drumming and African dance. Such a practical approach to arts and culture gives all pupils a mandatory experience of collaborative music-making, and one that adds to an experience of diversity.

## Achievements

### Education Africa International Marimba and Steelpan Competition

The Hilton College competition marimba band won all four open categories at Education Africa's International Marimba and Steelpan Competition. For the past two years during the Covid-19 pandemic, this has been a virtual competition by video submission. The open categories compete against adult/professional bands. The band won the following categories:

- Open Large Band: "Battle of the Bands" – Moth to a Flame by Swedish House Mafia & The Weekend
- Open Large Band: "In the Mix" – Crystallize by Lindsey Stirling
- Open Large Band: "Strictly Classical" – Maple Leaf Rag by Scott Joplin
- Open Prestige: "African" – Africa Rising by Brian Clarke

Congratulations to all the marimba boys for their outstanding results and for their consistency in achieving excellence every year. This is due to their ongoing commitment, hard work, passion, grit, and determination to always perform at their best. You boys are proud ambassadors of our school.

### 2022 IEB results for music

The class of 2022 achieved commendable results for subject music – two A symbols, one C symbol and one D symbol:

- Ndalo Gumede: 85%
- Charlie Foster: 81%
- Noah Coffey: 69%
- Lwenziwe Sibiya: 57%

### 2022 Music Appointments

- Head of Choir: Ndalo Gumede
- Deputy Head of Choir: Olwakhe Shezi
- Head of Marimbas: Siya Buthelezi
- Deputy Head of Marimbas: Marumo Selane
- Head of Big Band: Charlie Foster
- Deputy Head of Big Band: Kieran Griffin and Vhuthihi Siwada

Honours: Grade 12: Noah Coffey, Ndalo Gumede, Sentle Seitlheko, Marumo Selane, BT Ramolefe  
Grade 11: Ben Kok, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Siyabonga Mpofu, Saphiwe Nzimande, Vhuthihi Siwada,

Colours: Charlie Foster, Tim King, Keitshupile Makola, Lwenziwe Sibiya

Half Colours: Similo Mkhungo, Jordan Udal

Trinity College, London

The following boys recently performed their Trinity examination and achieved the following commendable results:

William Kitching	Piano	Grade 1 Distinction
Namisi Opai-Tetteh	Piano	Grade 1 Pass
Rupert Wright	Piano	Grade 1 Pass
Ndalo Ngewu	Clarinet	Grade 2 Merit
Caleb Venter	Piano	Grade 2 Merit
Riley Lindsay	Singing	Grade 3 Distinction
Jake Hockly	Piano	Grade 3 Distinction
Tochi Esenwugo	Singing	Grade 4 Merit
Sabelo Skosana	Singing	Grade 6 Distinction
Raheel Mottiar	Piano	Grade 6 Merit
Zipho Mpofo	Singing	Grade 6 Merit
Ntando Ngcobo	Singing	Grade 6 Distinction
Ntando Ngcobo	Piano	Grade 6 Pass
Rowan Cox	Trombone	Grade 7 Merit
Ayanda Ninela	Singing	Grade 7 Distinction
Lwenziwe Sibiyi	Singing	Grade 8 Merit
Siyabonga Mpofo	Singing	Grade 8 Merit
Kigen Chepkonga	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction
Vhuthihi Siwada	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction
Noah Coffey	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction
Ndalo Gumede	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction
Sentle Seithleko	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction

Rockschool Examinations

The following boys recently performed their Rockschooll examination and achieved the following commendable results:

Mpho Makulana	Bass Guitar	Grade 1 Distinction
Thuto Phakisi	Drums	Grade 2 Distinction
Erin Kihara	Drums	Grade 3 Distinction
Lesedi Mangwale	Drums	Grade 3 Distinction
Simba Chidakwa	Drums	Grade 3 Distinction

Ethekwini Eisteddfod

Siyabonga Mpofo and Zipho Mpofo took part in the Ethekwini Eisteddfod held at St Mary's DSG in Kloof in the October school holiday and were awarded exceptionally high marks for their solos in a musical. Their duet scored an astonishing 100%. They were unable to perform at the Prizewinner's Concert but were awarded a gold medal from the eisteddfod committee for their duet performance.

Ayanda Ninela was awarded 92% (diamond) in the musical and 93% (diamond) in the classical voice age 16-year categories respectively.

Queenburgh Festival of Arts

Ayanda Ninela also performed in the Queenburgh Festival of Arts achieving an A++ score in the musical solo category.

SASMT Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod

A number of Hilton College vocalists participated in this year's South African Society of Music Teachers, achieving outstanding results. These results are as follows:

Pietermaritzburg Centre

Tochi Esenwugo	Classical Voice	Grade 4 Gold
Zipho Mpofo	Classical Voice	Grade 6 Gold
Ntando Ngcobo	Classical Voice	Grade 6 Gold
Sabelo Skosana	Classical Voice	Grade 6 Gold
Kieran Griffin	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Silver
Ayanda Ninela	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Silver
Lwenziwe Sibiyi	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Silver
Kigen Chepkonga	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold
Noah Coffey	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold
Ndalo Gumede	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold
Siyabonga Mpofo	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold
Sentle Seithleko	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold
Vhuthihi Siwada	Classical Voice	Grade 8 Gold

In addition, the Hilton College Jazz Band was awarded 88% (gold) for a programme of three South African jazz standards.

Durban Centre

Siyabonga Mpofo was selected to participate in the senior students' concert at the Durban Jewish Centre on 14 August 2022.

**Brett Udal:** *Co-head of Music Department*

**David Orr:** *Co-head of Music Department*

## Physical Science

We are thrilled with our matric results. Our boys achieved an impressive aggregate of more than 10% above the national average and 15 boys (45%) achieved an A overall, which is a truly commendable achievement. This is our highest percentage of As for many a year; and 70% of our candidates achieved an A, B or C symbol.

Congratulations to Tanner Bailey on winning the Ducasse Prize for achieving the highest result in Grade 12 science



throughout the year. He was again the top achiever in the final examinations (96%). Tanner and Justin Green (note the family connection!) are to be congratulated on being placed in the top 1% nationally for physical science. Tanner, Justin and Flynn Newell signed up for further studies physics and went on to achieve an average of 10% above the national average. It is very pleasing to see the growing number of boys opting for this course, with 11 in the current matric group.

Our first class of A-Level physics pupils completed their Cambridge course in 2022. Spencer Wright won the physics prize and achieved an A symbol for the course. Ross Short excelled in his final set of examinations, scoring a highly impressive A\*. Ayaan Jakhura and Newo Munyai also achieved As. Further there were three Bs, two Cs and one D symbol. In addition to physics, we also introduced A-Level chemistry at the start of 2022.

We are very proud of Ben Kok, who was one of only two South African pupils to be selected to attend the 2022 United Space School at NASA in Houston, and Khanya Mhlongo, who attended the MIT conference held during the Christmas holidays at St John's. Both these boys gave exceptional talks in feeding back to the school. We hope that other boys are inspired to follow in their footsteps.

Following a couple of lean years during Covid, we were able to host two high-profile guest speakers. Dr Adriana Marais delivered our Basil Crewes science lecture to a packed Memorial Hall. She is the founder of Proudly Human and addressed us on the project which involves a series of habitation experiments in Earth's most extreme environments, to simulate conditions on Mars. We were also privileged to host Mr Jonathan Du Plessis from Resolute Education who gave us a fascinating talk on artificial intelligence and how this field is likely to develop in the future.

Last year we launched the Grade 8 Science Club. We met regularly on Thursday evenings to perform science experiments beyond the scope of the syllabus. Many boys took advantage of this opportunity and not only enjoyed themselves, but also learnt some extra science along the way. Towards the end of the year, we hosted two engineers, Mr Gerrit Visser and Mr Mervyn Bosworth-Smith, who addressed the grade 8 boys on the topic of bridge-building. They also helped assess some of the bridges constructed by our boys.

On the staffing front, Mr Kuthula Ntshontsho joined us from Bishops and spearheaded our A-Level chemistry teaching. Sadly, he will be moving on after the first term.

So too will Ms Liezl Scholtz, who has been a key member of the department for the past three years and has been integral to the success of our teaching in the junior science space. We are sorry to see her head for Holland. We are excited to welcome Ms Penny Mullan from Cape Town, who will be joining the department after Easter.

While it has been both a rewarding and enriching experience for me to lead this dynamic team of teachers over the past five years, it is time for me to hand the baton over. I have no doubt that Mr Tienie van Wyk will do an outstanding job in this role.

I thank the staff for the incredible support and hard work over the past five years, all of which has added to our success over this time.

**Mike Green**  
*Head of Department*



## Student Development

In 2022, the Psychology and Academic Support Departments merged to form one department called Student Development under the leadership of Dr Janna de Gouveia.

Dr de Gouveia is Hilton College's in-house educational psychologist and will continue to fulfil her roles in assessment accommodations, subject choice and career counselling and general academic support (organisation, time-management, study skills and exam technique) whilst coordinating referrals and interventions implemented within the Student Development Centre.

Mr Michael Pitchford is in charge of pastoral care and continues his role as Hilton's in-house clinical psychologist supporting boys who require counselling. In 2022 Mrs Adele Wentzel joined the department as general academic support specialist, working alongside Dr de Gouveia, and Mrs Tania Hurley joined the department, providing specialised learning support to boys in individual or small-group sessions.

Exciting structural changes took place within the Student Development Centre in 2022, starting with the implementation of the Response to Intervention Model of providing support to students. This model advocates for the adjustment of the level of support and nature of the programme implemented with a student according to responsiveness. Students may be tiered within one of three levels and may progress from one level to another to ensure that his specific needs continue to be met:

- Tier 1:** Offered to students with diagnosed learning or psychological disorders needing intensive one-on-one intervention weekly or to students requiring intensive support adjusting to the academic, emotional, and social demands of life at Hilton.
- Tier 2:** Offered to students who would benefit from learning from each other and who require more support than what can realistically be offered in the classroom. Support is intensive and explicit and step-by-step instruction targeted at a specific area of need is provided with a high degree of accountability within the group.
- Tier 3:** Involves evidence-based strategies and programmes provided to teachers and tutors that are beneficial to all students in the class regardless of the presence or absence of barriers to learning. Teachers and tutors will be required to support students in relevant, manageable areas and provide feedback on their progress at regular intervals.

We also adopted the Gradual Release of Responsibility model, which encourages a gradual shift of understanding, application, and responsibility from the learning support specialist to the student. The aim of this approach is to enable boys to take charge of their own learning process and ultimately graduate from the student support

programme with the knowledge that they have been equipped with all the skills required to succeed academically.

Hilton's bespoke subject choice programme, which was introduced in 2021 and was a great success, was implemented in 2022 with minor adjustments, giving more parents the opportunity to meet with the educational psychologist in person. There were also a number of exciting presentations made to boys by the likes of industrial psychologist Mr Bryce Dekker. The year 2023 seems to hold much promise and excitement in terms of opportunities. This speaks to the engaging, interactive elements of life at Hilton, especially where support is concerned. The Student Development Centre looks forward to accessing and challenging a greater number of boys to commit to and invest in their learning process. We stand at the ready to offer support in a number of novel and innovative ways.

**Dr Janna de Gouveia**  
*Head of Student Development*

## Visual Arts

After a turbulent couple of years of navigating the Covid-19 pandemic in the teaching environment, it was a relief for both the boys and teachers to settle back into face-to-face teaching routines at school. We were able to resume activities that enabled our boys to gain exposure of art-making practise beyond the McKenzie gates.

In the first term, for a day each, the matric and grade 10 art students visited the studio of Joy Preiss, a retired and respected art educator in the Pietermaritzburg area. The grade 12 students were tasked with a series of exercises to enable them to loosen up, by using different mediums and exploring mark making, which culminated in a body of abstract works. The grade 10 artists did still-life observational drawings of cupcakes (which they then ate), and from these, and inspired by the work of artist Wayne Thiebaud (1920-2021), created large plaster of Paris, cardboard, and paint sculptures of cupcakes.

In a flurry of activity, the second term kicked off with a trip to the Tatham National Art Gallery in Pietermatizburg for the grade 9 and 10 art boys. For many of the boys, it was their first visit to an art gallery. Not only did they get to see the gallery's collection of works but also took part in a competition for schools in the area. The Visit/Revisit competition is aimed at getting students to visit the gallery, engage with four pre-selected works and revisit the work/s through their own interpretations. All works were exhibited from 19 November 2022 to 12 February 2023.

In the third term, our annual exhibition with the St Anne's matric art pupils was held in the Hilton College Art Department. The guest speaker was Paul Venter, the outgoing director of arts and culture at Hilton College, who opened the exhibition speaking on the value of visual art and why artists should take on the brave mantle to



*Grade 9 art students visiting the Tatham Gallery: Langa Dlamini, Calum Bryson, Ewan Miskin, Ziyanda Mnyandu, Mpande Myeza, Trent Chubb, Shaka Buthelezi, Oliver Chapple, Jacques Olivier and Joshua Dube*

express and visually highlight issues that afflict our world. There was a wide variety of work displayed and the art pupils did themselves and their schools proud.

We were also able to relaunch our third term grade 8-11 art exhibition which opens for Grandparents' Day. It was held in the Normand Dunn Gallery and theatre foyer. It was encouraging to see this supported by many grandparents and families.

In my teaching I have found that curiosity and lifelong learning fuel one's practise. This year Hilton College worked in association with sponsors Panda Paints and held a workshop for teachers in KZN. This was facilitated by Joy Preiss and it was wonderful to be exposed to new methods of art making, as well as to spend time collaborating with other teachers. The feedback from teachers was most positive and my aim is to make this a yearly occurrence.

In the fourth term, the Matric Art Exhibition was held. It was opened by Luke Holder, the incoming director of creative and performing arts, who addressed each student on his personal response to the IEB matric art theme "Intertwined – Interwoven". He remarked on the variety of mediums used, the personal aesthetic of each student's work, as well as the courage to tackle themes such as toxic masculinity and grief. The art students and guests had a lovely evening celebrating their talents.



*Campbell Ivins with self portraits*



*Grade 9 Art students visiting the Tatham Gallery: Nick Dalrymple, James Youens, Xavier Enslin, Christopher Morrison, Zac Sweidan and Ben Erasmus*

The recipients of art prizes at Speech Day were:

Flynn Newell:	Grade 12 Practical Prize
Adam Wesselink:	Grade 12 Theory Prize
Flynn Newell:	Normand Dunn Special Prize
Daniel Holtzhausen:	Grade 11 Practical Prize
Ruben Marx:	Grade 11 Theory Prize
Charlie Short:	Grade 10 Practical Prize
Charlie Short:	Grade 10 Theory Prize

After a steadier year getting our boys back into established routines and expectations, I would like to thank Debbie Veenstra, Herbert Mncwabe and Lara Rogers (student teacher) for their support, determination, and humour. In an ever-changing world this is undoubtedly a requirement. I would further like to thank Ms Rogers for her contribution to the department and wish her all the best as she joins the English department at Hilton College in a full-time capacity.

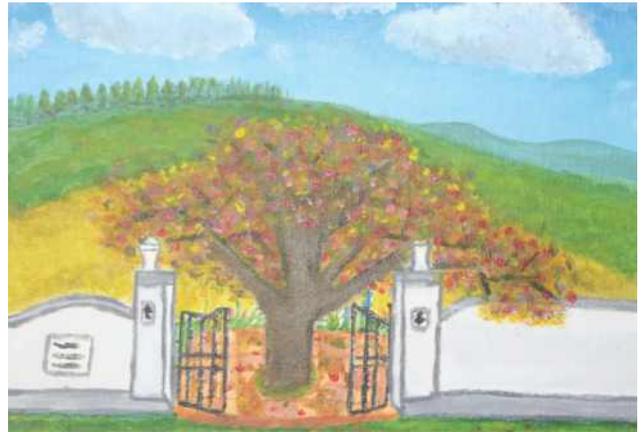
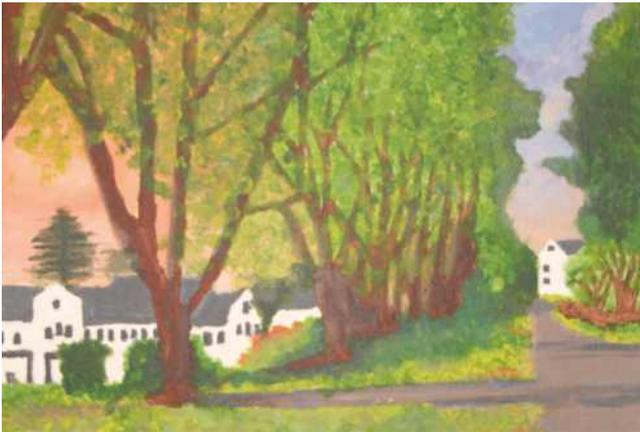
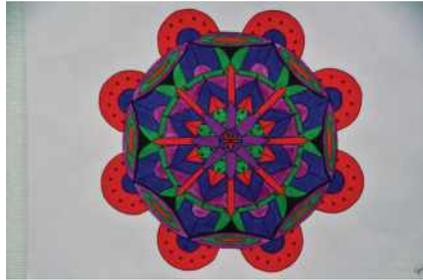
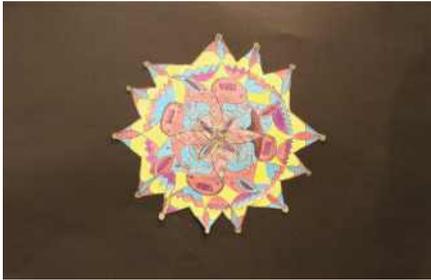
As philosopher Herbert Marcuse noted, "Art cannot change the world, but it can contribute to changing the consciousness and drives of the men and women who could change the world." The department will continue to encourage boys to question and interrogate the status quo, to search for and consider differences of opinion, and find altruistic solutions for the betterment of a future they will inhabit.

**Angela Salamon**  
*Head of Department*



*Teachers from as far as Richards Bay and Durban attended the workshop*

# Grade 9-11 Art Exhibition



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# Matric Art Exhibition Keynote

## Address

Dear friends, colleagues and boys of Hilton College,

It is my privilege to be addressing you this evening, not only as the new Director of Creative and Performing Arts, but also as someone who has a keen interest in the role that art plays in holding our society accountable to a higher standard – a cultural barometer, if you will, that can measure the capacity of humanity's evolution, with all its flaws and fabulous successes.

I am often asked “Why is art necessary?” or “What is the purpose of art?” or even simply “Why art?” To interrogate this further, it is essential to recognize that art is, in its simplest form, one of the most subjective forms of expression known to man. As practitioners of the arts, we are often called upon to justify the very nature of this expression, falling into the trap of trying to explain why something can be called art, and what constitutes its reason to exist outside of a tangible context. We find ourselves here, at the Matric Art Exhibition, trying to do exactly that; imposing the frightfully unfair metric on work done by schoolboys, that needs to be objectively assessed. This exhibition is a true indicator of courage, foremostly, and a celebration of success outside of the application of a rational and calculable metric.

As there are only five candidates exhibiting tonight, it is fitting to speak about the nature of each of the works on offer here – specifically how the lives of the boys, their perspectives and experiences, have been captured in these minute and exquisite pockets of beauty and bravery.

Beginning with Flynn Newell, whose work is intrinsically linked to the great tragedy of losing his mom as he entered high school, we see some of the most profoundly mature subject matter seen at any student exhibition.

Flynn's collection of five frames, representing variously the five stages of grief (denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance) through the eyes of a young boy and his toy, speaks to the complex emotional process that he has undergone in dealing with so much pain so early in his life. It is a spectacular celebration of life and loss and expresses the incredible catharsis that art has when dealing with the challenges of compartmentalizing our lives. He is to be congratulated on his work and is deserving of the Art Practical Prize this year.

Henry Fawcett presents a wonderful collection of works focused on not only his love for the ocean, but also the fear that mankind is slowly destroying this precious resource through careless disregard of the environment. Titled *Interwoven* and *Intertwined*, we see pen and ink drawings of the pristine elements of an aquatic ecosystem, juxtaposed strongly with the mutations and ugliness of a world destroyed. The mixed-media sculpture featuring a

Dorado (majestic and colourful) throws this contrast into stark perspective for us.

Kyle Gilson, using mixed media, pen and pencil crayon, takes us on a deeply personal journey through depression and anxiety, in *The Struggle for Control*. I suggest you look closely at the wonderful use of negative space contrasting with an attempt to simulate “completeness” – the veneer we often drape over ourselves as we grapple with a life filled with pain and despair. This intentional creation of emptiness in the images is often more insightful than the actual images themselves. Similarly, his piece *Ignorance is Bliss* reveals candid portrayals of holidaying in Mbotyi, along the rugged Eastern Cape coastline, shielded from the horror of encroaching adulthood and the loss of innocence. Profound work indeed!

Adam Wesselink's *Triptych* reveals the candidate's battle with the objectification of food and his own eating disorder. We see this play out through the medium of bold and dramatic oil paint, in three scenes entitled *The Benevolent Bliss of Childish Innocence*, *Preparation and Rehabilitation of Mind and Soul*. Each piece follows sequentially, tracing the opulence of food without understanding its power, through the consumption of all that is beautiful, both physically and metaphorically, and finally restoring the balance he so desperately craves, through portion and celebration of purity. The triptych is accompanied by a mixed media exposition of body perception linked to the influence of social media. The twisted mutilation of form begins to disintegrate further as we succumb to the pressure of the perfect body. The rare insight into Adam's heart is deeply affecting, and very powerful.

Finally, as our first A-Levels candidate in the subject this year, Campbell Ivins shows a range of incredible skill, from portraiture to pop art, specifically rooted in the portrayal of false manliness as self-willed and self-indulgent. In a world dominated by toxic masculinity and disciples of vile media icons like Andrew Tate and others, this work challenges the roles we fill as young men in a world that no longer knows how to define that which is quintessentially male. We also have to congratulate Campbell on being selected to exhibit at the Tatham Art Gallery this year, and I am sorry that he is not here tonight for us to share in his incredible success.

Please join me in thanking the art staff, and boys, in creating this exceptional exhibition this year. Congratulations to all involved.

As a parting shot, I encourage you to interrogate the works, chat to the boys, and find comfort in their courage. We are truly blessed.

**Luke Holder**

*Director of Creative and Performing Arts*

# Matric Art Exhibition



Luke Holder, Director of Creative and Performing Arts



Flynn Newell



Angela Salamon, Head of Visual Arts



Adam Wesselink



Campbell Ivins



Kyle Gilson



Henry Fawcett

## Library

This year has been one of significant change in the library. The first phase of the library renovations got under way during the 2021 December holidays and went well into the first term of 2022. We continued to operate out of boxes for most of the first term and learnt that flexibility is a survival skill. By putting as much of the shelving as possible against the walls, the library now boasts a formal teaching area with data projector and drop-down screen, two break-away rooms, a café-style working area, two “pods” and a relaxed seating area around the coffee bar. The reading room also had shelves against the walls allowing for more seating.

An eclectic collage of Hilton College objects was put above the shelves to tell “our story” – amongst much else, these include old LP records, the python skin and the accompanying 1921 python story, sports memorabilia, aged and fascinating equipment. The boys have responded to this new design very positively. We look forward to the next phase of the renovation project, which will include upgrading the computer room.

The first term of the year is a device-free one for Grade 8 boys, to encourage them to invest time in getting to know their peers and new school. A welcome consequence of this in 2022 was the increase in the number of books issued to this grade: more than 800 books over the term, compared to the usual 350 books.

The number of items (books, magazines, DVDs) we accession into the library varies from year to year. In 2022 about 430 new items were accessioned. This relatively low number is due to changing reading patterns, the cost of books and budget constraints.

Luckily, The Raymond Slater Library has a sound collection to fall back on. Interestingly, our e-book library has not

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had the wide appeal we expected it to have, and we have opted for a more cost-effective subscription plan going forward.

The library also saw an important change in staff. Mrs Moira Gundu joined us from St Albans College in April 2022. Mrs Gundu is completing her PhD in Knowledge Management and previously worked at St Stithians College. We were delighted to welcome her onto the staff where her warm personality and expertise have endeared her to staff and boys alike. Our thanks to Mrs Norma Prince who came to locum for a term in 2021 and stayed for a year and whose calm efficiency saw the library through some very challenging times.

Our thanks also to our library monitors, particularly our matric monitors Spencer Wright and Matthew Sara. We wish them the very best for university.

**Mandy Durnford**  
*Head Librarian*

## Debating

**Debating team:** *Andre Boshoff, Joshua Chibwe, Emeka Ezenwugo, Jonathan Ferguson, Joshua Lord, Nyiko Mabunda, Karabelo Marojele, Avuyile Mbada, Khanya Mhlongo, Risimati Mkhabela, Munashe Musora, Shailen Naidoo, Unami Nxasane, Tino Nyabonda, Sizwe Pwele, Karl Senanu, Sfiso Sithole, Chris Weavind, Jack Weavind, Spencer Wright (captain)*

2022 was another successful year for debating at Hilton College. It was challenging, yet rewarding, to debate face to face for most of the year after the lifting of the Covid-19 restrictions. Our teams adapted to this well and some excellent debating took place. Our results for the year were also very pleasing.

Spencer Wright was our captain and he led the senior section most ably, providing support and keeping communication channels open. His incisive argumentation and compelling oratory have set the standard for Hilton College debating and his contribution will be remembered for years – he really has been a powerful role model for many debaters at Hilton and in the other schools in our debating league.

Khanya Mhlongo received the Debater of the Year award for his overall high scores in the season and for his selection again to the provincial team. Khanya also did us proud internationally, being selected to attend an international symposium at Oxford University which included an emphasis on debating skills.

Hilton College entered six teams in the Pietermaritzburg Schools' Debating League (PMBSDL) – two senior teams (grade 10, 11 or 12 debaters), two junior teams (grade 9 or 10 debaters) and two teams in the grade 8 section. The Hilton teams began enthusiastically, aiming at winning the league in each section. Eventually the Hilton 1 team in the senior and grade 8 divisions reached the quarter finals



#### Debating

**Row 4:** Siba Dlamini, Shailen, Naidoo, Jack Weavind, Joshua Lord, Munashe Musora, Emeka Ezenwugo

**Row 3:** Sizwe Pwele, Senathi Makola, Tino Nyabonda, Senzo Mngomezulu, Avuyile Mbada, Joshua Chibwe

**Row 2:** Karabelo Morojele, Zakhele Khumalo, Unami Nxasana, Christopher Weavind, Nyiko Mabunda, Carl Senanu

**Row 1:** Khanya Mhlongo, Spencer Wright, Mr Graeme Roberts, Sfiso Sithole, Jonathan Ferguson

where the grade 8 debaters lost to Michaelhouse and the seniors went on to win the final and the championship at a rather festive event hosted at Hilton College.

Despite disappointment in the break rounds of the league, two of our grade 8 members, Karl Senanu and Joshua Lord, achieved the noteworthy individual recognition of being selected to the provincial trials. Senior debater Khanya Mhlongo trialled and was selected to represent KZN at the national championships in December. Khanya's team performed well and Khanya was selected for the trials of the SA teams, but he turned this opportunity down to concentrate on his role at Hilton College in his matric year. Our hearty congratulations go to Khanya, Josh and Karl.

Debating at Hilton has continued to thrive, and it has been exhilarating to return to in-person debating and to regain the social aspect of our activity. The benefits of debating in terms of the thinking skills involved, like processing evidence and forming and evaluating arguments, remain as valuable as ever.

Our thanks go to those boys who reliably turned out in chair and timekeeping capacities. We are grateful to staff members Tarryn Daly, Margie McKechnie, Vishal Singh and Tsitsi Sachikonye for their enthusiasm and dedication in managing the junior and senior teams and for their clear-minded adjudication.

**Graeme Roberts**  
*MIC Debating*

#### Choir and Vocal Ensemble

An enthusiastic choir devoted the first quarter to preparing for a hybrid staging of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's popular Joseph. The choir prepared and performed virtually in chorus with St Anne's Diocesan College and Cowan House choirs. This was a demanding process that required great commitment, especially as it was not possible to imagine the end product prior to sitting back in the audience for the show and seeing the important role that every musician played in creating the production.

In the second quarter, the choir prepared for the Two-Schools variety programmes, which were distinctly African in flavour. Ndalo Gumede, 2022 Head of Choir, is to be congratulated on the work that he did with the choir through this period in preparation for these vibrant choir-arranged pieces. Alongside this repertoire were composed pieces such as Joseph Bokwe's Plea from Africa and Chris de Burgh's extraordinary The Hands of Man. The Vocal Ensemble tackled Billy Joel's And So It Goes for these concerts, but focused mainly on preparing for a performance with the Drakensberg Boys Choir of Widor's Mass for Two Choirs and Two Organs. This was an extraordinary work that could be performed on our campus as the composer had intended it, with an organ at either end of the building. It took place during a brief three-month window in which both the new and the old chapel organs were playable simultaneously in the same building.

The latter half of the year involved preparation of the Hilton College commissioned 150th anthem that was

premiered at Speech Day together with a programme of Christmas carols that featured in a traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at the conclusion of the year. Of particular note was the Vocal Ensemble's performance of the Three Kings by Peter Cornelius.

The enthusiasm, commitment, and talent of a predominantly junior choir towards the end of the year bodes extremely well for coming years.

**David Orr**  
Choir Director



**Choir**

- Row 5:** Kigen Chepkonga, Ntando Ngcobo, Noah Coffey, Oscar Bredenkamp, Stewart Falconer, Emeka Ezenwugo, Kieran Griffin
- Row 4:** Siya Mpofo, Vhuthihi Siwada, Sentle Seithleko, Zipho Mpofo, Tochi Ezenwuyo, Mpande Myeza
- Row 3:** Keita Xala, Khalane Moletsane, Gcina Gqwaaru, Raheel Mottiar, Mholi Khuzwayo, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Ndalo Ngewu
- Row 2:** Erin Kihara, Reagan Mudau, Iviwe Mnconywa, Christopher Lindsay, Ayanda Ninela, name missing, Seriti Bannalotho, Baile Makhakhe
- Row 1:** Lwenzi Sibiya, Fin Dalrymple, Ndalo Gumede, Mr David Orr, Olwakhe Shezi, Vumi Mbokota, Sabelo Skosana



**Vocal Ensemble**

- Row 3:** Sentle Sethleko, Ntando Ngcobo, Noah Coffey, Kigen Chepkonga, Fin Dalrymple
- Row 2:** Siya Mpofo, Vhuthihi Siwada, Kieran Griffin, Zipho Mpofo, Sabelo Skosana, Ayanda Ninela
- Row 1:** Lwenzi Sibiya, Ndalo Gumede, Mr David Orr, Olwakhe Shezi, Vumi Mbokola



## The President's Award

It was pleasing to see so many boys completing the programme, particularly at the silver and gold levels. The following boys were awarded certificates and badges in 2022:

### **Bronze:**

Daniel Askew, Jonathan Braithwaite, Jarred Kitto, Joel Kitshoff, Luke Spear, Daniel Sweeney

### **Silver:**

Ryan Basson, Ross Boast, Kigen Chepkonga, Wim Ebersöhn, Emeka Ezenwugo, Justin Green, Tristan Hockley, Joshua Julius, Nic McLeod, Trey Padayachee, Christopher Roy, Charlie Short, Christo van Loggerenberg

### **Gold:**

Michàl de Beer, Jack Herman, Matthew Sara, Ross Taylor, Jack Waterhouse, Ben Watt

To complete the different levels, the boys must meet the requirements of a certain amount of time spent learning skills, playing sport, doing service, and participating in an adventurous journey. For most, this forms part of their normal school life. However, at the gold level, an

additional activity is required. This is the residential project which requires that the boys spend five days and four nights living with an unfamiliar community, engaged in purposeful and meaningful activities.

This year several boys spent time at an eco-camp in a nature reserve near to Ladysmith. We had three different groups participate and they came together with students from various schools around KwaZulu-Natal and the UK. They learnt much about preserving wildlife, spent time checking on wildlife cameras, tracking different game, cleaning out capture bomas, etc. Some of the groups also spent time visiting a nearby school, where they assisted in tutoring younger students and playing sports with them. The camp was rustic, and boys worked with other students to prepare and clean up after meals. In the heat of summer, they cooled down in a nearby dam. Our first group who participated helped to build the camp that the other boys later enjoyed. All boys involved said this was one of their highlights of the year.

**Teresa Whitfield**  
*Award Leader*



*Michàl de Beer*



*Jack Herman*



*Matthew Sara*



*Ross Taylor*



*Jack Waterhouse*



*Ben Watt*



# Outdoor Leadership Experience

## Grade 8

In late August, the grade 8 boys embarked on their outdoor leadership experience in our beautiful nature reserve. Freshly returning from half term, the boys were excited at the prospect of spending five nights in tents. Groups comprised 13 boys from all seven boarding houses to encourage the fostering of new friendships.

Each group was accompanied by two members of staff with experience in the outdoor leadership experience. The main objective of this year's experience was for boys to "re-discover" our nature reserve – and to take a break from the ever-consuming need of a screen. We also aim to give boys an opportunity to learn how to set up camp and hike. We were extremely blessed with lovely weather and the boys took full advantage of it, making use of the river to cool down or running around after bedtime, chasing each other.

In addition to experiencing the estate, the outdoor experience offers an ideal opportunity to share with our boys stories and impart values in a relaxed setting. The programme includes talks by: Old Hiltonian and former senior member of staff Mr Iain MacMillian; Mr Thanda Mwelasi, who is a resident of the valley; and Mr Evan Brown, who introduced the Outdoor Leadership Experience to Hilton.

Apart from the speakers and activities, boys also found a new appreciation for wildlife through their interaction with animals. During a water filtration activity, the boys spotted a green bush snake which they mistook for a green mamba. This generated much debate, even while taking showers, and they sought reassurance from the snake handler, who in turn, spoke to them about handling snakes safely.

Mr Derren Coetzer led the popular "Poachers and Rangers" game. He also shot a wildebeest to demonstrate the importance of culling, veld management and the anatomy of the animal. Some boys were at first resistant to exploring the different stomachs of the wildebeest, but curiosity eventually got the better of them.

The two-day hike is a physical and mental challenge for the boys. On a rotational basis, three groups embark on a hike to their campsite at Beacons, Clumps or Point. Boys cover a distance of about 20km on the estate, appreciating the natural beauty and great privilege of having access to such a magnificent place.

One of the highlights for the boys was preparing their own meals. Scrambled eggs and bacon for breakfast with potjiekos in the evening would leave any boy satisfied – especially if he made it himself.

The grade 8 outdoor leadership experience tested the grit of every boy who took part. The boys did extremely well in pushing through discomfort. Returning from this experience knowing that our boys have learned how to set up a tent or cook a meal is gratifying for staff members and something Hilton parents can be proud of, too.

**Tienie van Wyk**  
*Grade 8 OLE Coordinator*

## Grade 9

We tend to learn the most about ourselves when we are in difficult situations outside of our comfort zones. The boys were told that their time at Spirit of Adventure would be challenging and would teach them more about themselves and others.

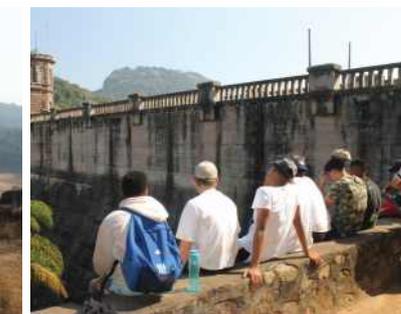
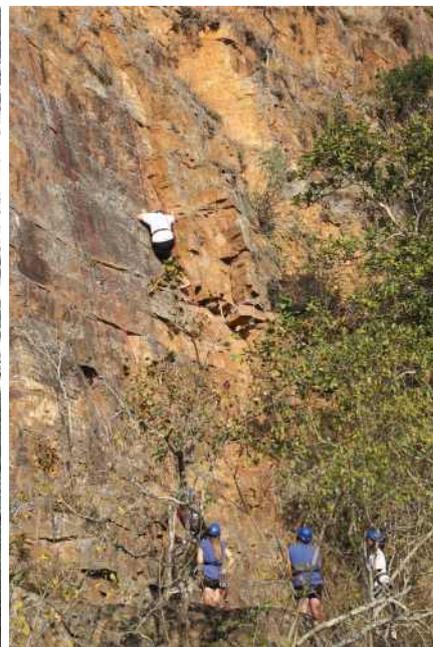
The camp did not disappoint. It gave the boys the opportunity to encourage one another and to be encouraged. For those who find the physical aspect of life easy, they learnt patience, compassion, and to support others. For those who did not find physical aspects easy, they overcame challenges they perhaps thought impossible. There was something to challenge everyone, and at some point, boys were appreciated for the various strengths that they brought to the activity. They learnt to do something that they may not like and showed that they can push through and do it well.

A great deal of thanks to the Spirit of Adventure staff and the Hilton College staff who attended the camp. They all went above and beyond the call of duty.

Jack Warwick had this to say: "Our grade 9 camp was a new experience for me; I did a lot of things I never thought I could do. Some of the activities pushed my boundaries so much but, in the end, it was really good for me. I learned so much about myself, which was the point. I actually enjoyed the abseiling, and I was the first to go down the dam wall at night. It was so liberating. So much of the camp was liberating that I would do it again."

Joshua Dube said this: "It was a time of new experiences, adapting to 'primal living' and learning. The camp presented various challenges that tested our physical and mental limits. During the days there were daunting hikes, forward-facing abseiling and climbing the side of an actual cliff! And at night, there was night-time abseiling! The camp revealed to me how much I want to be in control, and that it is outside of my comfort zone that I grow."

**Michael Werth**  
*Grade 9 OLE Coordinator*



## Grade 10 – isivivane

In Zulu, isivivane literally means to “throw your stone upon the pile”. In our context, it is to make a personal contribution to a greater common task.

The fourth year of our journey was a success due to an team of amazing adult leaders, made up of both WESSA and Hilton members of staff. Without them unpacking the important lessons that happen during the journey, the learning opportunities would pass the boys by. Intentional reflection of the day's events and informal conversations along the way can be profound to a boys' growth. The housemasters and deputies who travel most of the journey with the boys take their relationships to a deeper level to create stronger bonds. The success or failure of the journey hinges on strong adult leaders.

Forging of relationship and establishing bonds have emerged as the most important objectives of the journey.

The tighter the relationships among boys in a dorm, the stronger the leadership group in the dorm and school. The journey forms part of many other amazing opportunities the boys have to create strong relationships. Also, hopefully the selection of leaders in the house and school can be more authentic because of what happens during the journey. When you are tired, hungry, cold, and wet, your true self has nowhere to hide.

Hopefully, our journey and other OLE opportunities are starting to form part of the fabric of our school and culture. Memories and stories are created. In our modern age, it is important for boys to create their own stories rather than being passive receptors of someone else's story. A rite of passage has been established. When life is easy and your every whim catered for, it is easier to uphold what it is to be a Hilton boy: “upright and true as steel”. But it is not so easy in an environment that takes you out of your comfort zone. It is these opportunities and environments we, who are passionate about outdoor education, must endeavour to create for these young

men: character-revealing and character-enriching. Quoting our headmaster: "Getting up, showing up, ultimately levelling up regardless of the conditions is what it is all about."

Without the generosity and permission to access the land of the many landowners our journey traverses, the route and very essence of our journey would have to change. It is incredible that after all these years the boys of today are walking the same routes adventurous old boys have walked. Out our Wild Garden gate and back in after 15 days of hiking, paddling and "walkling" (the inevitable combination of walking/cycling your bike up hills). Mount Verde, Mbona, McKenzie farm and Emanzini are some of the properties that tie our route together. Thank you to the people who help make this happen!

Extracts from some prose written by our boys in their English classes:

"Standing around the Isivivane back at school, I felt that I had returned a different person. I had conquered many of

my fears, such as leading others. I had a new-found confidence, and I was less afraid to share my ideas. All sixteen of us agreed that this was the most valuable experience of our Hilton careers and were grateful that we were able to do it since we were still in the Covid-19 pandemic." – Benjamin Guimaraens

"They said we would return as new people. I laughed, but maybe that is the case. I'm back as myself, but with intentions and values set in stone, and a deeper appreciation of who I am. It is always our own self that we find at the end of a journey. The sooner we face that self, the better. The world is noisy, so I savoured the quiet moments alone, which are a rarity today. If I had one piece of advice: you're always with yourself, so you might as well enjoy the company." – William Kitching

**Teresa Whitfield**

*Outdoor Education Coordinator*

# 150 | Outreach

## Grade 10

The intention of the programme is to expose our boys to an opportunity to develop the necessary skills required to ensure that they are responsible, participating citizens in the community in which they live.

It is also a requirement for all grade 10 pupils to complete a minimum of 20 hours of service. Boys can join in activities arranged by the school or arrange their own activities during the holidays.

The definition of outreach is "to provide charitable services to less fortunate organisations and communities". Many valuable hours have been spent serving less-fortunate communities.

Some of the projects the boys have been involved in this year have included:

- Building educational tools and ecobricks from recycled waste. These were donated to Singakwenza.
- Putting together gift hampers for the Angel's Care Centre Christmas party.
- Donating to an organisation called Inkosi Inathi Kitchen (Caring for the needy) for the purchasing of food for an end-of-year function for the children.
- Donating equipment to Thandi House in Pietermaritzburg and Angel's Care Centre in Howick.

- The Run for Richter Initiative, which involved the entire school running in memory of the late Tony Richter. The money raised was donated to Singakwenza.
- Sport for Lives campaigns, which continue to grow in the school with more and more teams supporting this initiative.
- Fundraising from the Hilton College 1st rugby team playing the St Annes 1st hockey team for the Pink Drive.
- Boys volunteering at various organisations during their school holidays. These included the SPCA, CROW and Kids Haven.

My thanks go to the housemasters and matric leaders who organised activities for the boys in their houses and various other departments who have organised activities in their disciplines.

It is always pleasing to see when boys go beyond the required 20 hours; giving up more of their time to help others. Our goal is to reach a point where boys get involved in outreach not because it's a requirement but because it's the right thing to do. As people who enjoy so much privilege, we have a responsibility to help those less privileged than ourselves.

**Karen Koopman**

*Outreach Coordinator*

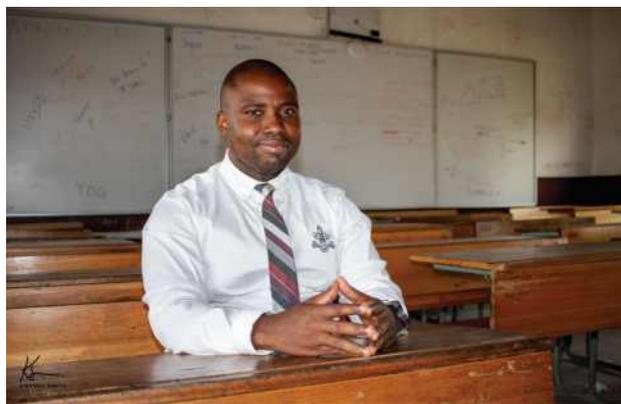
## Kwanda's quest

On 16 June, science teacher and housemaster Kwanda Sibiyi, along with a small group of friends – among them English teacher Chris Kingsley and Director of Advancement Pete Storrar – embarked on a 500km cycle/run from Hilton College to Hambisanani High School in Manguzi.

Reared in Manguzi (formerly Kosi Bay) and schooled at Hambisanani High School, Kwanda is committed to supporting pupils in his home community – specifically, two orphaned children.

Under the banner of Sport for Lives and in partnership with Hilton College and the Kolisi Foundation, he and his friends raised R250 000 for their cause.

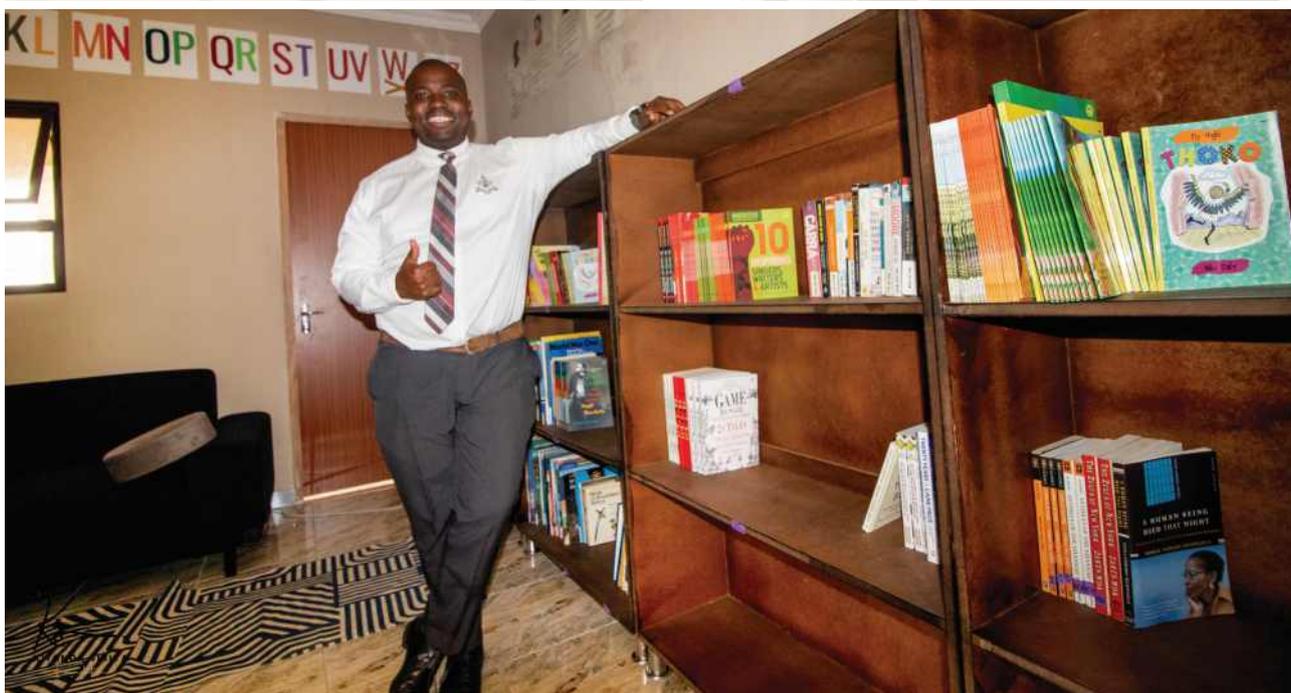
Additionally, Kwanda was the driving force behind the revival of the library at his alma mater, much to the delight of Mr Brian Dlamini, who was Kwanda's English teacher. Funding from the Kolisi Foundation and the Kwanda Sibiyi Foundation was used to renovate a disused storeroom into a small library and employ a librarian on a one-year contract to nurture a culture of reading in the learners.



The Kwanda Sibiyi Foundation has also developed a reading programme, Funda Mfundi, at Hambisanani.

"We are grateful to librarian Nomfundo Biyela and to Amy Murgatroyd, who championed this project under the leadership of Valerie Anderson and Alison Claassen from the Kolisi Foundation. Mrs Cynthia Masinga and Mr Amos Zwane were also instrumental in providing guidance and connecting the Hambisanani community with all stakeholders," says Kwanda.

"Today Hambisanani has a corner library and the learners are reading!"



**Brad Anderson***Farewell by Paul Venter*

"Come, my friends, be not afraid, we are so lightly here, it is in love that we are made and it is in love that we disappear."

It is my singular honour to pay tribute to Bradley John Munroe Anderson who has given selfless service to this school for 23 years.

I first met Brad – or Ando, or Grizzly or, if he is in trouble with Kath, "Bradley John" – on a Friday afternoon in 1993 in the Pinetown Boys' High School staff room where I had been invited to attend the aptly named Friday Club for what was supposed to be "one drink" ... the rest is silence ...

What followed has been nearly three decades of friendship. We have coached against and with one another, camped in Mozambique and the Berg, celebration years of First Holy Communions, confirmations and shared joys and grief.

Educated at his beloved Maritzburg College following in the footsteps of his legendary father Dave and uncles, Brad is the only Anderson not to play in the front row! Then on to studying education at Natal Tech, where he met Kath.

After tech, Brad's first post was at Pinetown Boys' High School where he served as a teacher as well as a water polo and rugby coach from 1992 to 1999. From there it was on to the heady heights of Hilton College where Brad and Kath made a home, raised Tyron and Georgia, and became part of the bedrock of the place.

In his time here, he served as assistant housemaster in Falcon house for six years and housemaster of Churchill house for nine years. That meant 15 years living connected to a boys' boarding house because that was the role he and his family were called upon to fulfill. He has taught accountancy, coached water polo and rugby at the highest level in the school, toured extensively in both this country and abroad, run the exchange programme, been part of the grade 11 academic tour to the Big Smoke, served as the senior housemaster, been a source of wisdom and support as a tutor in McKenzie house to both Lionel Julius and myself, been an integral part of the success of the grade 10 journey and since 2016 selected the 3rd and 4th XV with me while we sat on the benches on the side of Lombard and watched Greg Miller do the actual coaching. It's all about delegation!

Between Pinetown and Hilton, Brad has given 30 years of service to monastic boys' schooling in this province and as



such KwaZulu-Natal owes him a great debt of gratitude. That is 30 years of lessons, 30 years of Saturdays alongside the pool or rugby field, 20 years of duty in boys' boarding houses. During this time, he also completed a degree on top of his initial academic qualification. And why? Because the man realized that this noble, honourable and vital profession is one of sacrificial service where the interests of the boys comes first, even at personal cost. I remain convinced that Tyron and Georgia developed into the well-rounded people they are because they saw their father serve others.

To so many of us, Brad has been both a friend and a mentor. In my first year as a housemaster, I engaged in conversations with Bradley almost daily and he was always able to give a sense of perspective and in his own affable way reminded me that the storm would pass. This sense of perspective was gained as he, Mike Mill and Mike Werth were housemasters through the incredibly challenging period of 2009 to 2012.

At heart, Brad is an includer and whilst he loves fishing, reading and family holidays, he is at his happiest at a table surrounded by family and friends, where all are welcome. There is something spiritual about that table where over the years people have gathered to sip wine, eat good food, with the cheese board and Van der Hum a constant feature, with music in the background and his singing of The Gambler. Where conversations often turn to the nature of educating young men. These conversations over the years reminded us that "all of us are busy moving backwards and forwards between the redemptions of human friendship and our need for a higher order to save us from our transience".

There were sometimes raised voices and there was often laughter at a table where things were put right in the world, but most importantly where there was love. In conclusion, I am going to quote from a letter from

Alcuin of York who lived from c 735-804. He was a celebrated advisor to Emperor Charlemagne and in this letter he was offering advice to his friend Adelhard, who was about to become consecrated a bishop.

“Almighty God grant all go well with you. Be yours an open hand and a merry heart. Be a lover of compassion, let none come to you and go away sad. Be an example to those who follow you and let your light shine in the dark like the morning star. Let not the wealth of all the world or its dominion flatter you into keeping silent about the truth.”

Bradley, in your years of service to this community, you have fulfilled these words with your open hands, merry and compassionate heart, your ever-present presence to the colleagues you have journeyed with and to the boys you have consistently served, and in your unwavering commitment to speak the truth about this great adventure called life.

In your wholeness, you have reminded us that “the fallen state of us is the only state and as it turns out the holiest, most resonant and most truthful”.

You, Kath, Tyron and Georgia are going to be so very keenly and deeply missed.

## Thulani Mhlongo

*Farewell by Charles Ncobeni*

Thulani arrived at Hilton College in 2012 as an isiZulu teacher from Clifton School in Durban. At Hilton, he commanded a great deal of respect from the boys he taught. Not only was he well respected by the boys, but he was loved. Thulani always created a great atmosphere for learning and was not shy to discipline when necessary. In 2017, he became head of the isiZulu department. In this role, Thulani expected a high level of professionalism from staff; he insisted on punctuality, adherence to deadlines, and that we literally never disappoint. I hope we met your expectations, Thulani.

Thulani is an excellent academic, who has served for two years as an IEB examiner for isiZulu home language Paper



One. He has also been an SBA moderator and is currently an oral moderator for IEB.

During his time at Hilton College, Thulani has coached hockey, basketball and soccer. Passionate about soccer, he served as the master in charge of the sport for several years. His other great passion is running, and he has 10 Comrades Marathon medals under his belt. Evidently, 10 is Thulani's lucky number. Having given Hilton College 10 years of service, he is moving back to Durban.

Now that you are leaving, Thulani, I will remind you of the things you will miss about this great school. You will miss our facilities and our fields where you normally train for races. Now you must drive across the Mngeni River for soccer practise because the city school where you are going does not have such facilities. I can imagine you waking up in the morning to prepare your lunch, which is something you have not had to do over the past 10 years at Hilton College.

On a serious note, we wish you all of the very best in your next chapter. I look forward to meeting with you at future school and sporting events.

Uhambe kahle Mnumzane.

## Charmaine Padayachee

*Farewell by Lionel Julius*

What you don't know about Charmaine is that she:

- Has a black belt in karate;
- Was once voted the best teacher in KwaZulu-Natal;
- Has 50 pairs of shoes;
- Once sent a boy to spray perfume in the bathroom after he had used it; and
- Has a hidden tattoo.

An outstanding educator, Charmaine has made an outstanding contribution to our school.

Charmaine, thanks for asking the least articulate among us to deliver your farewell speech.

We are here to bid goodbye to our colleague and friend. One who is a respected member of our community and highly esteemed in the teaching profession.

Not only is Charmaine an achiever, she is also generous, modest, and open-minded.

Charmaine maintains stability and longevity in all her friendships. She is a caring, kind and loyal friend.

She is connected to people in the greater teaching community because they know they can rely on her over the long term.

She is deeply devoted to her family. Charmaine, your beautiful children are a credit to you. As is your husband,

who cooks for you and packs your bags when we go away. What a wonderful man. He even knows how to use the GHD on your hair.

You support each other.

All of the new staff in the Maths Department get invited to your house for dinner. You remember everyone's birthday and you give thoughtful gifts.

You intuitively see the potential in people, and with charisma and warmth, encourage others to pursue the development of their strengths.

You want what is best for humanity.

Your personality is so likeable and trustworthy that others are generally compelled to follow you. You prioritize people and the needs of others. You love to help people explore their creative potential.

You use your wit, humour, and mastery of language to create engaging presentations and you do it with confidence.

You have mastered the art of delivery, whether in the classroom or at a conference.

You got the job at Hilton after being spotted presenting at Maths Olympiad Training. Your efficiency, organisational skills and people skills were so impressive, Hilton could not wait to appoint you.

At Hilton College you held important roles, including deputy housemaster of Falcon, Head of Mathematics, and member of the transformation committee.

You stand firm, irrespective of the loud voices in the room. You are even a champion at 30 seconds. So competitive, I just want to be on your team.

You place great importance on personal freedom and self-expression, and you go where inspiration leads. You have a wide range of interests and friends from many backgrounds.

You are ambitious. Your academic accolades include Honours, Masters and you're working towards a PhD. But your ambition is not self-serving. Rather, you feel personally responsible for making the world a better place.

Charmaine the shopper. Shoes speak louder than words. Everyone hears you coming down the passage.



"Don't let me see any more sales, because I am weak" does not apply to you.

Let's not mention [Facebook] Marketplace.

You go on exotic cruises with your girlfriends, and you have themed parties.

You are an adventurer: Snake pits; abseiling down a dam wall; walking three kilometres in a dark tunnel. Yet you phone the SAPS dog unit when you find a piece of snakeskin in your house.

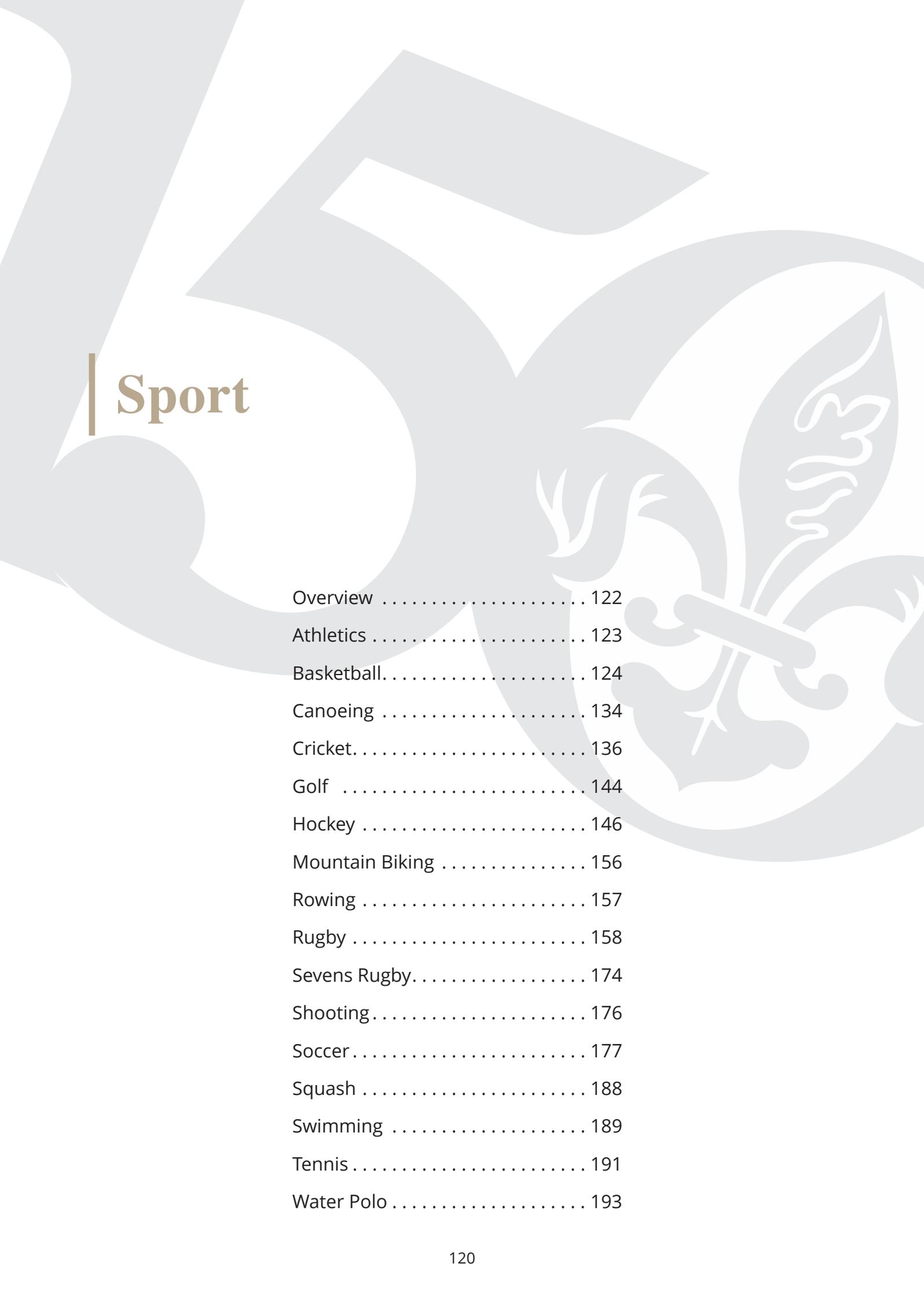
Our boys will miss your motherly and nurturing nature. We will miss you. But we are excited for you and our friendships will continue.

St Anne's is lucky to have you. You are the perfect role model for those girls.

Enjoy the new adventure, my friend.



Sean McGuigan



# | Sport

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## Overview

Our 150th year arrived with much anticipation and expectation and provided a fantastic stage for our coaches and teams to showcase their expertise and ability to the Hilton community and old boys in such a special year.

The year was a massive success for both our team and individual sports with numerous highlights throughout the year.

As a result of the outstanding performances of our six major sports codes, we were ranked as the number one boys' sports school in the combined schools rankings on SA School Sports.

Our 1st team hockey led the way with a fantastic season, finishing number one in the country. Our stayers water polo team finished second at the St Stithians stayers tournament, which is the highest place we have ever achieved at this event. The 1st team soccer won the FA Cup tournament at home against some incredibly strong schools which was a wonderful achievement.

Our golf and tennis teams continued their dominance over Michaelhouse in the Douglas Cup and De Wet Cup respectively. Our golf team has now won the prestigious Douglas Cup on seven consecutive occasions.

We celebrated some individual achievements during the year.

Christopher Bagnall attended the South African stroke play championship and won with a score of 20 under par after three days of competition. The incredible aspect of the win was that the next closest competitor was at three under. This is an unprecedented achievement at the highest level of schoolboy golf.

We had seven boys selected into the South African Schools teams:

Rugby:	Thomas Dyer (captain), Nicolas Snyman, Jack Waterhouse
Hockey:	Matt Rout (vice-captain), Daniel Den Bakker, Akha Mda
Cricket:	Jake Carstens

Thank you to the coaches who worked incredibly hard helping lay the foundation for a successful 150th year in sport.

**Darryn Gallagher**  
*Executive Director: Sport*



**Back Row:** Victor Compton, Joel Kitshoff, Khanya Jekwa, Morné Engelbrecht, Zukhanye Fatyi  
**Middle Row:** Xola Makongolo, Kearabetswe Khoele, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Amahle Seima  
**Front Row:** RD Engelbrecht, Ms Coco Mamabolo, Mr De Wet Wentzel, Ms Margie Mackechnie, Tayedza Jaravaza

## Athletics

*Morné Engelbrecht, RD Engelbrecht, Zukhanye Fatyi, James Fender, Jude Greig, Tayedza Jaravaza, Khanya Jekwa, Kearabetswe Khoele, Joel Kitshoff, Akhona Khunene, Xola Makongolo, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Unami Nxasana, Francois Odendaal, Amahle Seima*

The 2022 athletics season was filled with excitement and success. As the club grew in numbers, we were able to have more boys participating in various events and competitions.

In the 1st term, the boys participated in the KwaZulu-Natal League and did our school proud across numerous events and age groups.

The following boys received medals at the KZN Athletics Championship:

Morné Engelbrecht	100m, 100m hurdles
RD Engelbrecht	100m, 110m hurdles, 400m hurdles
Tayedza Jaravaza	400m

All three of these boys were invited to represent KZN at the South African Schools Championship. Our boys represented our school well and Morné was awarded a silver medal in the 100m hurdles for boys under 15.

In the 3rd term, we participated in an invitational meeting at Michaelhouse where we teamed up with one of the local girls' schools in a fun-filled track event.

In the 4th term, a number of our boys participated in the KZN Schools Track and Field series. This is an exciting new competition series that will continue to grow in 2023.

Thanks must go to the boys for always giving of their best and to the staff, particularly Ms Margie Mackechnie and Ms Claudia Plunket, for putting so much effort into training and supporting our boys.

We are looking forward to the 2023 season!

**De Wet Wentzel**  
*MIC Athletics*

*Thanks must go to the boys  
 for always giving of their best.*



#### 1st Team

**Back Row:** Nicholas Thorburn, Kwame Huyberechts, Declan Sawyer

**Middle Row:** Oyisa Pupuma, Chisha Mulenga, Kediretse Mbaakanyi, Saphiwa Nzimande

**Front Row:** David Tshebi, Roelf Van Der Merwe (captain), Mr Nhlakanipho Khumalo (coach), Qhawe Soji (vice-captain), Tiisano Tisane

## Basketball

### Overview

The Basketball Club, comprising 22 teams, played 201 games in the season and achieved a 50% win rate. I am thankful to our coaches for their perseverance, to our players for their attitude, to our parents for their support, and to Mr Darryn Gallagher, our Director of Sport, for keeping us focused on our key principles of consideration, collaboration, inclusivity and passion.

We aim to do our best, let the lads play, learn, achieve, and have fun doing it.

We made several changes to our coaching staff in the year under review. While some coaches took to managing two teams, others were promoted to coaching teams that perform at higher levels. These changes benefitted the club. Our junior teams – U15A-E, and U14A-E – won most of their matches, putting in outstanding performances against top-ranked St Charles College. On the day, just the 1st team's game was lost. Similarly, our U14A, U15A, and U16A teams dominated against Michaelhouse. We can safely say that the club's future looks bright.

*We aim to do our best, let the lads play, learn, achieve, and have fun doing it.*

Congratulations to the players and coaches of these teams!

The squad for our 1st team changes in the 4th term. A Stayers team is chosen to carry the torch since the Grade 12 players are not included in the initial team. The 1st team was particularly heavily struck by sudden lineup changes and injuries, and this was exacerbated by my taking on the director's position and Mr Nhlakanipho Khumalo being promoted to 1st team coach. But Mr Khumalo and the youngsters met these challenges head on.

Other challenges this year included unfavorable weather and a shortage of practice facilities. We adapted our strategy accordingly and took to using the rugby fields for training on grass, the tennis courts for skills sessions and auditoriums for tactical video sessions. All of this helped keep the boys engaged, motivated, and most importantly, having fun. And, with the help of Mr Jason Wulfsohn, we introduced tactical conditioning to all junior age groups, which was a great success. The lads developed much stronger muscles and showed grit.

We have attempted to create an environment, on campus, where an athlete can progress from learning to play at a basic level all the way up to an elite or professional level.

We want our athletes to grow in self-confidence and aspire to greatness. While basketball is not yet a professional sport in South Africa, it can open doors to scholarships at universities, the Africa League, and to playing abroad. Several Hilton boys have played at university level and abroad. Tapiwa Mushonga (2019), Gary Lubisi (2019), Darren Liu (2019) and Kwanda Mkhize (2020), to name a few.

The number of teams attending national camps and festivals increased this year. We are pleased to announce that we are building two additional outdoor courts, which will help address the problem of inadequate training space. Additionally, this will raise the standard of training. We are building a reputable, well-run, and fun basketball culture within the school's ethos. We encourage more parents to support their boys and the club, and we appreciate those who actively do.

We appreciate the coaches that support the youngsters by mentoring and coaching them daily.

Finally, a sincere thank you to Mr Gallagher and Mr George Harris for their ongoing support, and efforts to advance the sport of basketball.

**Ayanda Shange**  
*Director of Basketball*

## 1st team

**Regular players:** Rowan Cox, Tino Hove, Connor Jerome, Tawanda Kugotsi, Karabo Lephema, Chisha Mulenga (captain), Mpande Myeza, Six Nyangiwe, Saphiwa Nzimande, Connor Thomson, Nic Thorburn, Tiisano Tisane, Yu Lie Wang



Our season started with having to face a mighty powerful Durban team, DHS. We hadn't played DHS for about two years, so we were expecting anything. We got off to a slow start, but as the game progressed, we started gaining momentum and won our first victory against the great Durban side.

We then went on to the Stayers Tournament at Kearsney College. Having such a young team, including players attending their first basketball tournament, we were keen to learn everything we could and take the opportunity to get to know our players on and off the court. We fought our way into winning two of four games to make it through to the top 16 with such a young and hungry team. The boys played with heart, and they were superb throughout the tournament.

As we got back from the tour, we were set to face one of Pietermaritzburg's giants, St Charles College, which is also probably the top side in South Africa. A very narrow defeat it was by St Charles, but our boys fought from the first whistle right until the last. We kept our heads up and looked to improve from the loss.

The team then faced Glenwood High School, putting in an exceptional performance, winning very convincingly against the green machines. We were then set to play our tough brother school, MHS. In the beginning, it was a tit for tat until MHS started pulling away. It was a very difficult defeat.

The last game was also a tough opponent, Northwood High School. We had a very slow start to the game, struggling to put the ball in the hoop. By halftime we were feeling the pressure, and were down by 20 points. But we came out from the half with a different mindset and fought back very hard to a 6-point defeat.

The 1st team has shown exceptional improvement. The boys have matured in their basketball, especially as a team. There has been growth within the team and as a result, the boys have managed to overcome great challenges, on and off the court. The boys have shown tremendous potential and are looking forward to the upcoming season.

Thank you to the team and management for a great season.

**Nhlakanipho Khumalo**  
*Coach*

**Rowan Cox:** Rowan is an exceptional basketball player who demonstrated tremendous adaptability and versatility during the season. At the start of the season, Rowan was required to change roles, sacrificing his offensive game to become the team's rim-protector and rebounder. Despite this significant change in his role, Rowan executed it flawlessly, using his height and size to dominate the paint and provide his team with an extra layer of defense. This role not only helped the team

succeed but also helped Rowan develop as a player, becoming more well-rounded and versatile. Overall, Rowan's willingness to adapt and execute his new role effectively is a testament to his commitment to his team's success, making him a valuable asset on the team.

**Tino Hove:** Tino's progress throughout the season was steady and significant, as he honed his skills as a lock-down perimeter player for the team. His ability to shut down opposing players was a key asset all season long, and he could always be relied upon to make crucial stops when the team needed them most. As his game progressed, Tino's shooting ability also improved, particularly from beyond the arc. This improvement came at the perfect time, allowing him to make important shots in key moments and provide the team with the momentum they needed to secure victories. Overall, Tino's progress and dedication to improving his skills made him an integral part of the team's success.

**Connor Jerome:** Connor had a challenging season in terms of scoring and rebounding, particularly as the tallest player on the team. Despite these struggles, he demonstrated moments of brilliance on the court, using his height and size to intimidate opposing players attempting to drive to the rim, with his blocked shots proving to be a significant defensive asset. The one area of Connor's game that showed improvement was his ability to protect the rim, highlighting his potential as a valuable defensive asset. Overall, while it was a tough season for Connor, he showed glimpses of potential that suggest he has what it takes to be a valuable player on any team. The coach is optimistic about his continued development and looks forward to seeing how he develops.

**Tawanda Kugotsi:** Tawanda is an exceptional basketball player whose athleticism and ability to attack and drive the ball to the rim make him a force to be reckoned with on the court. He specializes in being a slasher, always looking to break down the defense and create opportunities for his team. Tawanda's speed and agility allow him to get to the rim with ease, making him a difficult player to defend against. Furthermore, his ability to draw fouls and get to the free-throw line is an added advantage for his team. Overall, Tawanda is an asset to any team, his athleticism and ability to attack the rim making him an essential component of the team.

**Karabo Lephema:** Karabo may have come from the 2nd team as a reserve, but he proved to be a valuable asset to the team. His size and strength allowed him to play a key role in protecting the rim and grabbing rebounds. Although he wasn't the flashiest player, his work ethic and willingness to do what was necessary for the team helped us win games. He was a great addition to the team and his attitude should be commended.

**Chisha Mulenga:** Chisha, our captain, is undoubtedly a phenomenal point guard with a wide range of skills and abilities that make him an invaluable asset to any team. His exceptional basketball IQ and vision enable him to effortlessly control both the offense and defense, regardless of the position he plays. Furthermore, his remarkable leadership skills and ability to inspire his teammates make him an outstanding captain who is able to galvanize his team to achieve their goals. Overall,

Chisha is an exceptional player who can be relied on to deliver exceptional performances on the court, making him a force to be reckoned with in basketball.

**Mpande Myeza:** Mpande's development throughout the season was impressive, particularly given his status as the youngest player on the team. Despite his youth, he proved to be a quick learner and became an essential player for the team. His vision and basketball IQ allowed him to earn valuable minutes on the court, and he executed the role of the point guard with confidence and skill. As he progressed, he began to show his true potential, becoming increasingly impactful with his floor-general skills, assisting with scoring, and consistently hitting three-pointers. Mpande's continued growth and development bode well for his future in basketball.

**Sixolile Nyangiwe:** Six's progress throughout the season was noticeable, as he slowly but surely grew into his role on the team. Initially utilized as a defensive stopper and rebounder, his strong and tough presence on the court made him an asset to the team. As his confidence grew, so did his offensive game, culminating in a highlight play of the season where he posturized an opposing player with a powerful dunk. This play was a turning point for both Sixolile and the team, boosting their confidence and morale for the rest of the season. Overall, Sixolile's progress and dedication to improving his game were significant assets to the team, and his ability to impact the game on both ends of the court make him a valuable player for the basketball team.

**Saphiwa Nzimande:** Saphiwa is an outstanding basketball player whose defensive prowess is second to none. His ability to lock down the best players on the opposition team makes him an essential component of any team. Saphiwa takes pride in taking the most difficult defensive assignments of each game and generally thrives in that, making it difficult for his opponents to score. Additionally, his ability to shoot and make the three-pointer was valuable in many games, giving his team an edge on offense as well. Overall, Saphiwa is an exceptional player whose defensive skills and offensive capabilities make him a valuable asset to any team and a formidable force to be reckoned with on the basketball court.

**Nic Thorburn:** Nic is an outstanding basketball player who embodies the very essence of what it means to be a team player. His boundless energy and unwavering commitment to both offense and defense make him a valuable asset to any team. What sets Nicholas apart from other players is his fearless attitude, always willing to put his body on the line and dive for loose balls, inspiring his team with his never-say-die attitude. Furthermore, his ability to drive the ball to the rim and score when the team needs it most makes him an essential component of any team looking to win. Overall, Nicholas is an exceptional player who sets the standard, playing with heart and soul of his team.

**Connor Thomson:** Connor had a breakout season, demonstrating significant improvement across all aspects of his game. He emerged as the team's highest scorer, showcasing a dead-eye and focused three-point shooting that was essential throughout the season. With his deadly shooting, he opened up the lane for himself, allowing him

to drive to the basket and score lay-ups with ease. Connor's overall play was exceptional all season, demonstrating a level of skill and ability that was unmatched by his teammates. His contributions were crucial to the team's success, and he proved to be a valuable asset on both ends of the court. Connor's season was a testament to his hard work and dedication to improving his game, and he is sure to be a significant player for the team.

**Tiisano Tisane:** Despite starting the season injured and missing the first two games, Tiisano quickly emerged as the best point guard on the team once he returned to the court. He demonstrated a brilliant ability to dictate key moments in the game, showcasing his speed and ability to break down opposing defenses with ease. Tiisano's strong point guard play was a significant asset to the team, and his ability to control the tempo of the game was essential in many close games. Overall, his ability to bounce back from his injury and become a top-performing point guard demonstrates his resilience and dedication to the game, making him an invaluable asset on the basketball team.

**Yu Lie Wang:** Yu Lie had a significant role change this season, coming off the bench as a skilful scorer for the team. Despite not starting in every game, he quickly became the ultimate weapon for the team, showcasing his scoring prowess and skilful play on the court. His ability to come in and make an impact in critical moments was essential to the team's success, and his contributions were invaluable throughout the season. Yu Lie's willingness to embrace his new role and use his skills to make an impact demonstrates his commitment to the team's success.

## 2nd team

**Regular players:** *Michael Capes, Zakhele Khumalo, Zimele Khumalo, Tawanda Kugotsi, Hlonie Lethole, Thabelo Letjama, Nathi Makola, Olwethu Mbala, Risimatsi Mkhabela, Similo Mkhungo, Lesedi Mogashoe, Bayanda Ncobeni, Modupe Ogunronbi, Joaquim Ozoux, Jehan Thipanyane-Said*

The 1st term was a great one for the team, with them winning eight of their 12 games. The boys showed a great deal of commitment and applied themselves to the best of their abilities. Their win against Northwood was a good start.



Our focus was to build the level of skill and to give players a better chance of representing the school at 1st team level. Some players were able to grasp the information and apply it in the court of play. The boys dominated in every game they played, with Jehan Thipanyane-Said scoring most of the team points and being an unstoppable force when he attacked the basket.

Hlonie Lethole was able to learn quickly and showed great determination for the game. He was the most improved player for the season. Bayanda Ncobeni showed maturity as he kept improving on his performances. The team had a good season, executing what they had learned and competing up until the last whistle.

In the 2nd term, the team was an exciting one to coach. At the start of the season some of the boys were barely in shape having had only one practice after returning from holiday and a game to play in less than 48 hours. But two weeks into the programme, some players got the opportunity to play for the 1st team. Risimatsi Mkhabela displayed some good energy, and his game improvement was huge overall. Six Nyangiwe has a good understanding of the game and through his application and due diligence, he is now a member of the 1st team.

When the season concluded all the boys were in peak condition and in high spirits, even though the last game of the term did not go in our favour against Michaelhouse. It was a great opportunity for me to help the boys learn the game of basketball.

**Thabiso Mdhului**  
Coach

### 3rd team

**Regular players:** *Bandile Shabalala, Liso Ngoqo, Nkosi Shozi, Ntuma Moagi*

The first game of the season was against DHS. The boys displayed their skills with a budding performance. They played solid defense and they attacked with efficiency. They stepped up their game in the 4th quarter to emerge 40-22 winners.

On their return after the half-term break, they were disappointed with the rained-out fixture against Clifton. In their fixture against Glenwood, it was a battle of the forwards with both teams trying to dominate the game at the centre position. In a tightly contested match, the team had to endure heartbreak in the 4th quarter going down 26-13 to a very physical Glenwood team.

After the mid-term break, we played our archrival Michaelhouse. With changes in the back court due to injuries, the team had to adjust to meet the challenges. In a tightly contested match with the lead changing several times, the team emerged 30-26 winners.

In the final game of the season against Northwood, the team had to battle hard in what would be an ill-tempered game. Wearing their hearts on their sleeve, they clawed back in the 4th quarter to even the score at 23-23. In a closely fought 4th quarter, our boys fought valiantly only to be edged out 25-23.

Playing good basketball and displaying sportsmanship, these players can look forward to a call up from the 2nd and 1st teams in the near future.

**Milesh Lambert**  
*Coach*



### 4th team

**Regular players:** *Tsakani Khoza, Olwethu Mbala, Yami Mkhize, Lesedi Mogashoa, Andrew Moravec, Olwakhe Shezi, Qhawe Soji, David Tshebi*

Our first game, which was against St Charles College, we won 48-12 with the boys showing a hunger to win, from the start.

Our second and final fixture of the season was against Northwood School. We won this game too (52-33), with the boys demonstrating cohesion and a strong team spirit. I was proud of the team closing the season on a high note. It was a delight for me to work with a group of boys so hungry and determined to play.

**Herbert Mncwabe**  
*Coach*

### 5th team

**Regular players:** *Lebo Legodi, Travis Lord, Khanya Mhlongo, Ntuma Moagi, Matuma Mojapelo, Siya Mpofo, Neo Naidoo, Joaquim Ozoux, Tebogo Pakkies, Ethan Smith, PJ van der Walt, Unami Zungu*

With the team made up of talented Grade 11 boys, we had high expectations that they would achieve good results. And they did not disappoint. In term one, the team enjoyed great success. They played five league matches, winning four and losing one by three points to Michaelhouse.

The boys showed a good level of commitment at practice and during matches and enjoyed all their matches, most of which were played at home.

In term two, we did not have a 5th team. The matrics were writing final examinations and as a result most of the Grade 11 boys moved up to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams.

**Thulani Mhlongo**  
*Coach*

### U16A

**Regular players:** *Ross Brown, Rowan Cox, Masud Dakile, Jack Davenport, Tino Hove, Connor Jerome, Kabelo Lephema, Liphapang Mokoena, Matome Manthata, Katlego Moncho, Ntando Ngcobo, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Oliver Proudfoot, Etienne Smith, Connor Thomson, Tiisano Tisane, Yu Lie Wang, Jack Weavind, Keita Xala, Sandiso Zondi*

In term 1, the boys took part in the annual Michaelhouse U16A tournament. We finished in 4th place, losing to Kearsney and Michaelhouse. We lost to the latter by just one point, after being up by five points in the last 30 seconds.

We played six games in our regular season of fixtures. Although we lost five, our losses were narrow in most games. The score is not always a true reflection of the game.

It was a successful first half of the season, with the boys showing commitment to improving as a team and as individuals. I was impressed by the way the boys handled pressure. The highlight of the season for me was their game against Maritzburg College. Although we lost, we showed a fighting spirit which was unmatched. It was great to work with a team full of natural leaders, every one of them bringing something unique to the team.

In term four, the team played four matches, winning against Northwood (31-26) and St Charles (29-28) and losing to Durban High School (27-24) and Michaelhouse (43-32).

It was a short yet productive season, in which the boys displayed great teamwork and played with heart from the first whistle to the last in each game.

In our game against St Charles, Liphapang Mokoena had to score a winning free-throw to secure us a win, which he did.

My thanks go to the boys for showing spirit and refusing to give up. I look forward to watching them grow. Given the work they have put in, they have a bright future.

**Msizi Mntungwa**  
Coach

## U16B

**Regular players:** Max Gilson, Sean Kamau, Wonga Masina, Siyanda McClain, Ntando Mhlongo, Sedise Moseneke, Munashe Musora, Shailen Naidoo, Thuto Phakisi (captain), Miguel Teixeira



Kearsney College was our first fixture which we knew would not to be an easy one. We needed to give it our all from start to finish, which is exactly what we did, edging them by a point to win 23-22.

In our second game, we played Westville Boys High. In a very tough fixture, we showed great teamwork and took the victory winning by 23-21, with 23 becoming our lucky number! We continued to fight throughout the first half of the season, growing from practise to practise and winning all five fixtures.

In the 4th term, the boys could hardly wait to play! We won our first game 23-19 against Durban High School, as well as our second game, which was against St Charles in which we scored 30 points to our opponent's 23.

Our third game was against Michaelhouse. Despite our awesome teamwork and fighting spirit, they beat us 30-11 in our first defeat of the season. We went back to the drawing board to prepare for our last game, which was against Northwood School, determined to finish on a positive note.

All of our hard work paid off in what turned out to be one of our greatest games of the season. We won 35-23 ending an amazing year of basketball.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these fine young gentlemen, who consistently displayed good sportsmanship. A family we became, and I wish them all of the best in life.

**Thabiso Mkhize**  
Coach

## U16C

**Regular players:** Neil Bararugurika, Travis de Bruyn, Max Gilson, Jude Greig, Uthando Gumede, Thumelo Gopano, Siya Maphumulo, Wonga Masina, Dzuni Mboweni, Ntando Mchunu, James Moore, Sedise Moseneke, Tumelo Moselethe, Munashe Musora, AbuBakr Mussa, Shailen Naidoo, Luntu Ncube, Thamsanqa Ncube, Ntando Ngcobo, Qama Ngwenya (captain), Thuto Phakisi, Miguel Teixeira

In term one, our focus was on skills development and game IQ. Every game we played was a challenge and it took us a while to find our stride, but the boys never gave up until the last game against Michaelhouse. The team played six games, winning just one.

In term four, a new batch of boys joined the team leaving us with only three players from the first term. This meant covering the same ground that we did in term 1, concentrating on skills development.

We played three games and lost them all. While our loss to Durban High School was a big one (8-36), our loss to Northwood was not (30-35).

**Bradford Jasson**  
Coach

## U16D

**Regular players:** *William Chien, Fin Dalrymple, Joshua Hurley, Mpumelelo Mdhuli, Tumelo Mosetlhe, Akani Nxumalo, Kamogelo Seopa, Jared Wilson*

While the statistics for the season make rather grim reading, they don't reflect the experience that the boys acquired. The season started with a narrow defeat to Kearsney and things did not get any easier with tough losses to Westville, Maritzburg College, Michaelhouse and St Charles. Importantly, the results never affected the mood in the team and both practise sessions and matches were approached with a positive attitude and a fantastic sense of fun.

Results did not go our way until the final game of the season. Astutely lead by William Chien with Jared Wilson grabbing every rebound in sight and Kamogelo Seopa draining threes, the U16D ended the season with a 23-9 victory over Northwood. The team is to be congratulated for their never-say-die attitude and for always playing the game in the right spirit.

**William Donkin**  
*Coach*

## U16E

**Regular players:** *William Chien, Max Gilson, Tumelo Gopane, Uthando Gumede, Sean Kamau, Ntando Mhlongo, James Moore, Sedise Moseneke, Munashe Musora, Shailen Naidoo, Luntu Ncube, Thuto Phakisi*

With most of the lads playing basketball for the first time, some playing it for social purposes and others genuinely trying to improve their game, the U16E team is generally a tough group to manage. Training a team made up of such a mixed bag calls for a dynamic approach to coaching. During practise sessions, the focus was on basic skills and having fun. Unfortunately, given that not many schools have the numbers to field a U16E team, the side never got to play many games.

The first fixture in term one proved to be a challenge owing to there being no cohesion in the team. The next couple of games saw the team improving, with chemistry on the rise. The loss to Northwood by four points was a big confidence booster and we ended winning a big fixture against Maritzburg College 22-15.

In term four most of our matches were cancelled owing to bad weather or other schools struggling to field a team. As a result, the confidence of the boys was at a low and they lost their big fixture against St Charles 9-39.

I hope the boys get to play more fixtures next year. They are encouraged to keep up the good work.

**Yongama Tsipa**  
*Coach*



## U15A

**Regular players:** *Shaka Buthelezi, Simba Chidakwa, Tito Chonco, Robby de Beer, Langa Dlamini, Gcina Gqwaaru, Joshua Lord, Lesedi Mangwale, Zach Mphosi, Reagan Mudau, Mpande Myeza (captain), Nicholas Wenyika*

The U15A experienced a season of mental development and maturity. In the first term, they suffered a series of losses which were instructive. In addition, they endured a change in coach and had to adjust to new training strategies. Instead of this denting their confidence, it inspired the boys to work harder and improve their game. The St David's tournament proved to be a test in terms of challenging playing conditions, personal responsibility, individual as well as team accountability and attitude. The team played 10 league fixtures, six of which they lost. In term four they played only five fixtures, four of which they won, including wins against the powerhouses of basketball, St Charles College, Michaelhouse and Northwood.

Some players must be commended for putting in key performances. Well done Mpande Myeza, Langa Dlamini, Zach Mphosi, Joshua Lord, Simba Chidakwa, Lesedi Mangwale and Robby de Beer.

Without a question, this is a remarkable bunch with the potential to do big things. A few members of the team have been selected to be part of the 1st team training squad in 2023.

I look forward to witnessing what the future holds for these young athletes.

**Ayanda Shange**  
*Coach*

## U15B

**Regular players:** *Linathi Dabula, Lwandile Gabuza, Nqubeko Majazi (captain), Thabo Mngomezulu, Reagan Mudau, Ndalo Ngewu, Tino Nyabonda, Ntando Nyabonda, Efe Ozcan, Yonah Pollman, Boleng Seoe, Thando Shongwe*

Our first fixture of the season was against a highly competitive Kearsney College, and was never going to be easy. But on the day, the boys showed an amazing fighting spirit and gave it their all, losing by only six points (21-27).

Next up was our game against Westville Boys High. It was a very tough fixture in which we fought hard, losing 26-39. Although we lost all five of our fixtures in the first term, we grew from practise to practise and learnt from each game played.

Following preseason training in term 4, the boys could not contain their eagerness to compete, and compete they did! In our first game, which was against Durban High School, the team won 23-16. Judging from their display of character and passion, I knew it was going to be a great season.

Our second game was against St Charles, which we won 27-12. It was amazing seeing the boys grow from strength to strength. In our third game, against Glenwood, awesome teamwork led us to a 50-4 victory. After that, the boys were ready to face Michaelhouse. And an amazing game it was, going to overtime and an end-to-end battle with our captain, Nqubeko Majazi, scoring 23 points. It was a hugely gratifying win (31-29). We also won our last game, which was against Northwood School (48-16), ending a remarkable term.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these fine young gentlemen, who consistently displayed good sportsmanship. I wish them everything of the best.

**Thabiso Mkhize**

*Coach*

## U15C

**Regular players:** *Khiara Erin, Makulane Mpho, Ezemwugo Tochi, Manaka Tumisho, Ziba Ungweru*

In an early game of the season, we faced off against DHS. The boys displayed their skills with spectacular 4th quarter performance leading 12-9. In the latter parts of the quarter, they extended their lead to win 17-9 against a spirited DHS.

Disappointed by the rained-out fixture against Clifton and Glenwood having limited teams, the U15C played in a triangular internal tournament from which they emerged victorious.

After the mid-term break was the perennial game against archrival Michaelhouse. It was a closely contested encounter with both teams putting up a strong defence. The teams had to contend with the heat on the outdoor court resulting in a low scoring game. MHS ran out 6-2 winners.

In the final game of the season, which was against Northwood, the team had to battle the elements once again. In a tight defence and with few scoring chances, we had to transition from taking long-range shots to attacking the basket. When the score was 12-12 in the fourth



quarter, both teams had to pull out all the stops. But Northwood had the edge and won 18-15.

It was a tough year, but the boys remained motivated and played wholeheartedly. Some were rewarded with a call up to the B and A teams which augurs well for their basketball future at Hilton College.

**Milesh Lambert**  
*Coach*

## U15D

**Regular players:** *Michael Bird, Phelele Cele, Joshua Dube, Jack Kitching, Bakuena Lekitla, Tumelo Makgeru, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Kgosi Modise, Sizwe Pwele, Chase Smith, Dominic van Aardt, Rupert Wright (captain)*

In the 1st term, the boys played six games, winning games against Kearsney College (23-16), Maritzburg College (22-14), St Charles (34-20), and Michaelhouse (43-14). We lost games to Westville Boys High (11-7) and Durban High School (25-8).

In the 4th term, the boys played four matches, winning two and losing one. We weren't able to finish our last game, which was called off in the first five minutes due to bad weather. Michaelhouse was leading 8-4 at the time. Although it was a short term, the boys managed to achieve a great deal. Michael Bird and Kgosi Modise were moved up to the C team, which motivated their team mates to push even harder.

I am thankful to Rupert Wright for leading the team throughout the season and to all the players for their discipline and good spirit. I am grateful to Mr Ayanda Shange and the sports department for their support throughout the year.

**Msizi Mntungwa**  
*Coach*

## U14A

**Regular players:** *Myles Cox, Liyema Gazi, Amandla Khawe, Kopano Lekeka, Nelwang Letsoalo, Karl Senanu, Kaelo Taukobong, Tsepo Tsike, Ralfe Wilmott, Liyema Zondi (captain)*

It was an extraordinary season, which all began with a practise session for a group of Grade 8 lads who had never played basketball. Practise sessions had to be planned and designed accordingly so that players advanced and acquired new skills each time. This degree of preparation and execution set the tone for the year.

The guys played their first-ever competitive basketball game against Kearsney College in the first term. It was a fast, competitive, structured game, which they lost. But it was a learning opportunity, and the boys arrived prepared for the second game at home against Westville. We used a full-court press defensive approach and a fast break, and as a result won a closely contested and tense game 23-22. The third match was against St Charles College, and both

teams played with intensity. We prevailed in a closely contested match 19-18.

Next we played a very good Maritzburg College team and lost. The next game was against Durban High School (DHS). The team fell by 30 points, a disheartening setback. The season finale was a tightly contested away game against our rivals Michaelhouse.

The boys were encouraged to focus on their game in the off-season and it was pleasing to see them arrive prepared for the pre-season.

The first game of the 4th term was against DHS. The boys were so eager to demonstrate their newly improved skills that they failed to play as a team, allowing DHS to defeat us again. In subsequent training sessions, the guys demonstrated outstanding ball movement, fierce defence, and exceptional basket-scoring, and focused on the team. They went on to defeat St Charles College and Glenwood High School in the ensuing two games by large margins of more than 15 points.

Next up was Michaelhouse, in what was the game of the season in terms of level of play, strategy, and intensity. Unfortunately, Michaelhouse beat us by three points scored in the last seconds of play. But our boys showed how they had grown in skill, tenacity and a love of the game.

Our commanding and skilful victory over Northwood School in the season finale served as evidence of this. It was immensely rewarding to see a group of guys with no basketball experience transformed into a group of players capable of playing very competitive basketball against the top basketball-playing schools in the province.

I am thankful to my players for having faith in me and for their enthusiasm for the game. Thanks to captain Liyema Zondi and vice-captain Amandla Khawe for keeping morale high and making sure that each player felt included. I wish you all the best of luck next year.

**Orateng Motsoe**  
*Coach*

## U14B

**Regular players:** *Nathan Daniel, Tadi Hove, Mholi Khuzwayo (captain), Nyiko Mabunda, Zenande Mahlangu, Ofentse Mamojele, Khalane Moletsane, Machabe Monaheng, Axolile Nyangiwe, Nathan Ravalomanana, Luphelele Shange, Taji Sigei*

In the 1st term, we won two of the six games we played. I'm proud that we improved our performance considerably in the 4th term, winning four of the five games we played. The boys showed a marked improvement in their level of skill – all of which can be put down to the work they put in throughout the year. Every team we beat, we beat by 15 points or more.

We were tested in the last two games of the season, against Michaelhouse and a very competent DHS. While

we beat Michaelhouse 26-18, we lost to DHS 30-33. I am very proud of the boys for the heart they showed and for not giving up, even up until the final whistle.

I enjoyed coaching the team, especially in the last term when we faced a lot of adversity.

**Bradford Jasson**  
Coach

## U14C

**Regular players:** *Darryn Bridgeford, Daniel Day, Zizwe Digangoane, Liam Firth, Fanaka Mworira, Andiswa Mahlase, Khayaletu Nouse, Banele Phoswa, Riley Ross, Dante Sigei, Tristan Taljaard*

It was a season of two halves. The first term was difficult since many of the boys had never played basketball, although some showed potential. So, the first term was about laying a foundation.

The boys proved to be quick learners, developing skills at our every practise session, such that two players were moved into the B side.

We played five games in the 1st term, winning three. One of the teams we lost to was Michaelhouse (9-12), but we had established a good foundation on which to build. In the second half of the season, we acquired five new players who gave up cricket to take up basketball. These players learnt very quickly the rules of the game and how to do lay ups and shots. It was looking to be a very successful season, as the boys had advanced in their skill and their understanding of the rules of the game. Again, in this term two players moved up to the B team, which made me very proud and built my confidence in our strategy.

We played four games in the 4th term, winning three. Our biggest win was against St Charles (44 - 4), and it was lovely to see the boys display confidence and be rewarded for all their hard work. A highlight of the season was beating Michaelhouse 26-10, especially after losing to them in the first term. This game captured the journey that these young men have been on this season and I commend them for their efforts. I have enjoyed every moment of it and I look forward to the next season.

**Sipho Moniwa**  
Coach

## U14D

**Regular players:** *Michael Bird, Kenyu Chiang, Tochi Ezenwugo (captain), Bakuena Lekitla, Tumelo Makgeru, Tumisho Manaka, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Lee Singh, Chase Smith*

The team had a very challenging yet successful season, winning in all fixtures except for those against Northwood and Michaelhouse.

Although we lost by only two and four points, respectively, I commend the boys for showing heart and determination,

regardless of the forces against us, which included a lack of player numbers.

The highlight of the U14D's season was a tightly contested match against the C team in the Hilton Triangular. The combined D and E team exhibited similar prowess against Michaelhouse in our mid-season fixture which we won. The boys showed massive growth in skills and understanding of the game.

**Bradford Jasson**  
Coach

## U14E

**Regular players:** *Lwanda Chitha, Fernando Ebineng, Phetho Kgafela, Bayile Makhakhe, Lefa Motsumi, Karabelo Morojele, Akhumzi Mtshungwana, Unami Nxasana, Kgosi Segkobela*

When I started coaching the team, the boys had played one game which they had lost. After a few sessions of training, the boys were motivated and had more confidence. Although we lost most of our games, we remained motivated and full of hope.

Our game against Northwood High School was a close one, which our opponents won 16-13. We were in the lead the entire game, but they managed to cover us in the last seconds. The boys came back hard and played very well against Michaelhouse, winning the game.

It was pleasing to see the boys realise that it takes a team to achieve great results.

Most importantly, they had a good time and enjoyed every game they played, regardless of the score. I enjoyed coaching the team and look forward to another season with them.

**Sanele Mbongane**  
Coach





**Back Row:** Matthew Wilson, Jamie Dunn, Joshua Hurley, Wim Ebersöhn, Luke Wilson  
**Front Row:** Kyle Friedenstein, Mr James Robey, Richard Eyres, James Dingley, Rev Sean McGuigan

## Canoeing

**Team:** Simon Chubb, Richard Eyres, James Dingley, Jamie Dunn, Luke Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Joshua Hurley

Plenty of rain in December and January gave the paddlers hope that we would see full rivers this year, and we were not disappointed. All the major races had excellent water, which led to some great racing. The KZN schools league also resumed this year and this led to some good competition between individuals and schools. The canoeing shed gym was opened in the latter part of the year, thanks to a very generous donation from the Dingley family. We also erected a captain's board in the shed, which has all the captains of the club going back to the clubs' beginnings in 1978.

The Drak Challenge in Underberg was the first major race of the season and, after being cancelled last year, was highly anticipated. The night before the race saw major rains in the catchment area of the Mzimkhulu River and the river came down in a flood. Fortunately, by the morning the water level had dropped to excellent racing conditions.

*All the major races had excellent water, which led to some great racing.*

Simon Chubb was very competitive in his K1 and Richard Eyres and James Dingley, both paddling their first Drak, paired up with Mr James Robey and Mr Kyle Friedenstein respectively in K2's. Everyone had excellent races, and all finished the two days of amazing paddling.

Dusi was the next race on the calendar, and we had two boys paddling this year. Chubb and his partner Menzi Mthembu, a development paddler from the Valley of 1000 Hills, were looking to be very competitive and aiming for a top-20 position. Eyres, who was doing Dusi for the first time, took on the challenge with Mr Robey. Chubb and Mthembu had a great two days but, unfortunately broke their boat on day three and were unable to finish. Eyres and Mr Robey had an excellent three days and finished relatively unscathed.

Dingley paddled the Fish River marathon with his dad and partner in a K3. This was a great experience for Dingley, and we look forward to seeing him take on more of the "bigger" races next year.

The schools league saw some excellent competition across multiple disciplines, with some river racing and flat-water paddling. These events award paddlers with points based on their finish in all the races. Hence Dingley managed to finish the season in third place in the U16s. Hilton College also hosted a relay style race on the Umgeni River which

involved a 3.5km paddle and an 800m portage in teams of two-four paddlers. This was a great event and being different, provided fun and excitement for all the paddlers.

This year also saw the resumption of the KZN K1 River Championships, held over two days on the Tugela River. There was a very competitive field and Luke Wilson managed to win the U14 category, with his brother Matthew coming in a close fourth. Joshua Hurley, new to paddling, went down his first river with Mr Robey and we hope to see him take on many more challenges in the new year.

The club had a great year, taking on many rivers and races. Keeping true to our values we also did lots of tripping when there were no races on the calendar. We had a very memorable trip to the Mzimkhulu River which saw Dingley wrap his boat and Jamie Dunn take on some big water in his K1 and live to tell the tail. Dunn has truly come a long way and we look forward to getting him down many more rivers.

Dingley was awarded the trophy for the Kayak Club Paddler of The Year, which is awarded to a boy who



actively competes, always gives of his best and upholds the spirit of the club.

Thanks to Mr Sean McGuigan and coach Mr Friedenstein for their ongoing support and commitment to canoeing at Hilton.

**James Robey**  
*MIC Canoeing*



**1st XI****Back Row:** Matthew Stewart, Ross Boast, Wian Liebenberg**Middle Row:** Matt Wilson, Ivan Lockem, Jarryd Pike, Christopher Roy, Charles Swart, Nicholas Chantler**Front Row:** Olwethu Kweyama, Jake Carstens, Mr David Griffiths, Kristofer Watt (captain), Mr Warren Kirsten, Kieran Kilmartin, Casey Nicolson

## Cricket

### Overview

The 2022 season was the first full season since the pandemic and although there were weather issues, Andre Wessels and his team from Spectrum were exceptional to give us the standards of facility we used this year. A great deal of work, dedication and commitment goes into a cricket season at Hilton College. And we greatly appreciate the passion, commitment, and professionalism of those involved in our unique system. From the coaching team led by Dale Benkenstein and David Griffiths to our external coaches, including Mark Handman, Travis Pieters, Ross le Seuer and Will Naish, to the teachers who pour their time and energy into teams and players when very few are watching, all have done us proud. The success of the programme rests in the passion of the players and the equally passionate people who coach our sport. Sadly, we were not able to find a place for the popular Hilton Premier League this year. Hopefully, that will be remedied in years to come, as it affords the senior players the opportunity to get to know the junior players in the system.

*Thank you, Benki, for all you did over the past six seasons.*

The inclusion of Ivan Lockem and Ross Boast into the SA U17 training squad is a just reward for the hours of practice they put into their individual games.

Congratulations to Ross Boast and Jake Carstens for their inclusion into the KZN Dolphins cubs team following Coke week. Ivan Jjuuko, Kyle Christie, Natenzi Denenga, Charles Swart, Liyema Nela and Murray Loughor-Clarke were named in the U16 KZN Inland team. We are also honored to have had Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Matipa Denenga, Ross Boast and Jake Carstens in the KZN Inland team.

After his performances at the Coca-Cola Khaya Majola [U19] Cricket Week, Jake Carstens was selected into the SA Schools cricket team, a remarkable achievement and well deserved.

On behalf of the coaches and players, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Hilton College parents for their continued support and encouragement of our boys throughout the season. Your presence and positive reinforcement of our cricketing philosophies does not go unnoticed.

Dale Benkenstein has ended his tenure at Hilton College as he takes up his posts at Gloucestershire and the Pretoria Capitals. His contribution to the development of

Hilton College cricket needs to be highlighted. Thank you, Benki, for all you did over the past six seasons.

We would like to thank David Griffiths for committing to the Hilton College programme and wish him all of the very best for the coming season as he takes over the reins of the 1st cricket team. The professionalism and guidance of Darryn Gallagher as well as the continued support of all in the sports department, especially Carl Schmidt and Burger Nel, have enabled the Hilton College Cricket club to continue to compete against the very best in South Africa. We were fortunate that a number of our boys were selected for the KZN Inland and SA Colts Representative teams.

*KZN Inland U19:* Jake Carstens, Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Ross Boast, Matipa Denenga

*KZN Inland U16:* Ivan Jjuuko, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Charles Swart, Natenzi Denenga, Kyle Christie, Liyema Nela

*Dolphins Cubs:* Ross Boast and Jake Carstens

*SA Schools:* Jake Carstens

**Warren Kirsten**  
*Director of Cricket*

## 1st XI

**Regular players:** *Ross Boast, Jake Carstens, Nic Chantler, Kieran Kilmartin, Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Hylton Lotter, Casey Nicholson, Jarryd Pike, Matt Stewart, Charles Swart, Kristofer Watt (captain), Luke Watt, Matt Wilson*

What a great year and what an incredible bunch of boys. The year got off to a difficult start at the Peninsula Cricket Festival in Cape Town. It was at first disappointing for the team, but ultimately a strong motivator for all players to invest in their individual playing as well as the team, which paid off by the end of the season. Soon after our return from Cape Town, we went on a tour to Pretoria and won all games, except for one rained-out game. A much-



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needed reminder of what we were motivated to achieve throughout the season. Kristofer Watt scoring 115 against St Johns was a performance that could be watched over and over again, with the ball going to all parts of the ground eventually getting us to a score off 222 before the heavens opened and play was called off.

In the night series against Maritzburg College, chasing their score of 189 in 20 overs at Eston, the team got off to an unbelievable start with Ivan Lockem and Jake Carstens first out to bat and a brilliant finishing act from Jarryd Pike reaching the win with 10 balls to go.

Another great win from the season was against St Charles where we saw Jake Carstens get 5/33 and the team bowling St Charles out for 161. Jake then went on to get 34 runs in the same game, taking us over the line for the win. A number of magic performances from each boy in the squad this season shows just how close this group is, as well as the world-class talent from each individual that contributed to the team. I was impressed by each boy's dedication to the team and to winning games for Hilton College. The disappointment at the beginning of the season is but a speck in their impressive record this year that is testament to their motivation and grit.

It has been a pleasure to coach this team this year and to witness the boys' progress and growth in the beautiful game.

**Ross Boast:** Boasty, it may have been a hard year with the bat, but your bowling has been outstanding every single game. We have been so lucky to get so many match-winning performances out of you with the ball impressively managing pace, swing and bounce. Your bowling always gets the team off to a great start positioning us each time for the win. 2023 is a big year for

you stepping into the role of 1st XI captain. I look forward to seeing you grow in this position. Know that you have the whole club backing you.

**Jake Carstens:** Jake, your impact with the bat and the ball over the season this year has been immense. Your dedication to hitting balls and simply being around a net or a cricket pitch is admirable. Your commitment and enthusiasm to your cricket has paid off and you, along with your teammates, have reaped the rewards of that and put in some brilliant match-winning performances. All the best as you journey to England. I look forward to watching you on TV.

**Nic Chantler:** Mr Chantler, the fastest man alive. I am so proud of how far you have come this year with your leg spin. You were given more responsibilities with the ball and took these in your stride, performing as needed and taking wickets at the right time for the team. I know we can expect to see more runs and fifiers from you in the new year.

**Kieran Kilmartin:** Killer, what a character you are. A character that makes us all laugh and enjoy ourselves, and a character that is strong and commendable. You are going to be missed around Hart Davis and our cricket club. Your contribution to the team was huge taking 35 wickets, a lot of which won us the relevant game. All the best for your studies in Ireland and make sure you're wearing that green jersey soon.

**Olwethu Kweyama:** The ultimate team man and an absolute pleasure to have in the squad. Olwethu, I know your season did not pan out as we had hoped it would, but you never let us down in the face of disappointment and continued to show a grit and determination that you should be very proud of. You've maintained a level head and made significant contributions at the crease with the bat, with your bowling, and out on the field. You will be missed on Hart Davis and by me. Good luck on your

journey into adulthood. I know you are going to make a success of whatever it is you choose to do.

**Ivan Lockem:** Lockem, it is always a pleasure having a laidback character like you in a team. Maintaining a cool head, you have got us over the line to the win on a few occasions, most notably with your 100 on the dot against St Davids and your 68 against College. Watching someone with so much time and skill at the crease makes for enjoyable cricket viewing. A big year ahead for you with bat and ball coming in 2023.

**Hylton Lotter:** After a great start to the season, scoring runs at the top of the order and getting us off to great starts in games, your injury came along and halted your season. I am looking forward to 2023 as I know you had so many runs in you this year that need to get out on the pitch along with the runs you were always destined to score in your last year of school.

**Casey Nicholson:** Casey, well done on your season and thank you for your efforts this year. It is always great watching you swing your bat right through the ball, sending it a country mile – as you did in Cape Town making for something good to look back on. All the best for the next step of your life.

**Jarryd Pike:** Thank you for your efforts this year, Pike. Some great memories made at the start of innings, hitting the ball all over the ground as well as a number of great catches at backward point that you made “your” spot.

**Matt Stewart:** Mr 2023 Head Boy, after missing some of the season due to injury, you came back into the team doing what you do best – maintaining a calm head and leading the team to where we needed to be. You are a natural leader, and it is always a great pride when school leadership positions are filled by boys from the cricket code. I am looking forward to seeing many swinging deliveries and runs from you next year. I am also most looking forward to seeing you thrive as head of the school, a position you are most deserving of.

**Charles Swart:** Charles, your dedication to cricket is inspiring for a person your age. Following on from some great big scores this year, if you continue with your determination in the off-season, hitting balls and turning your arm over, next year could be your year.

**Kristofer Watt:** Kris, thank you for your outstanding efforts this season as our fearless leader. It has been a tough year with many commitments on your part, but your cricket has always been a priority. I hope you continue to approach life with your calm, chilled demeanour as you take on international arenas and start your hockey career in Ireland. While hockey is going to be your main focus, please remember which bat and ball is number one and don't give up our wonderful game.

**Luke Watt:** Luke, it's been fantastic to see how you have integrated yourself and fitted into the team year. You're a top order run scorer who gets us off to good starts with your strong, assertive nature with the bat. We've seen some great catches and run outs from you this season and you've contributed across the board. I foresee some excellent performances from you in 2023 with lots of runs and a big score just around the corner.

**Matt Wilson:** Willo, the best gloveman around. Your glove



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work this year has been nothing but outstanding. You've got us over the line in a couple of very tight games. Your very easy-going and chilled character will be missed around Hart Davis but will stand you in good stead for this next stage of your life. You have left very big shoes to be filled next year.

**David 'Griff' Griffiths**  
Coach

## 2nd XI

**Regular players:** James Campbell, Brett Cutting, Matipa Denenga, Jason Dix, Matt Diemont, Onke Kweyama, Owethu Kweyama, Wian Liebenberg, Hylton Lotter, Jarryd Pike, Matthew Rout (captain), Christopher Roy, Thomas Roy, Sam Strydom, Luke Watt

The 2nd XI faced a tough start in a midweek away game against St Charles getting bowled out for 69. Despite this, we still saw an outstanding bowling performance from Matipa Denenga. After this early loss, spirits were raised with a brilliant win over Michaelhouse by nine wickets. Brett Cutting and Denenga taking three wickets each, and Sam Strydom getting 36 not out. Goldstones proved to be a pressure cooker, with the team losing down the hill to Maritzburg College. The players put up a good fight, with strong performances from Matthew Rout taking three wickets, and Matt Diemont scoring 48 runs.

The last three games of the season saw the opening batsmen getting the team over the line for a 10-wicket win against Glenwood, a good win over DHS with Hilton chasing down the score with ease.

The season unfortunately ended with a loss against Northwood in a game of missed opportunities that came down to the last over. Even though the team went through

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their ups and downs during the season, the 2nd XI can be very proud of their performances throughout the season, with some exceptional talent available for the 2023 season.

**Brett Armstrong**  
Coach

## 3rd XI

**Regular players:** Stuart Baker, James Campbell, Byron Chandler, Lyle Clubb, Jason Dix, Oli Gaboreau, Sebastien Gaboreau, Mihle Gazi, Dale Herbert, Nic Hirschowitz, Tristan Hockly (captain), Robert James, Deepen Kooverjee, Onke Kweyama, Joshua Mapp, Campbell McKenzie, Cole McLaggan, Benjamin McGuigan, Nic McLeod, Luthando Ntshangase, James Ogilvie, Zavier Rey, Michael Sara, Reneiloe Seopa, Chris Snijman, Nicholas Youens

The team enjoyed a successful year. Most matches were won convincingly. This was achieved through application and positive batting and bowling. Only in the final match of the season (which we lost by 10 wickets) was the team outplayed. This was effectively a 4th team that took the field on the day!

In the 4th term, a number of U16 players joined the team, which further strengthened it. There were no areas of weakness in this team and there was real depth in both the batting and bowling departments.

The quality of cricket that was played by these boys this year was of a high standard, and it was a pleasure watching boys constructing batting partnerships or bowlers restricting runs and putting opposition batsmen under pressure. The boys also played with a lot of enjoyment and a freedom to express themselves with bat and ball, without the fear of failure.

The team played 12 matches, of which they won seven. Two matches were abandoned.

I would like to congratulate all the boys who represented the team in a successful year. My thanks and appreciation

to Tristan Hockley, the captain, for the manner in which he led the team and supported me. Thanks to Warren Kirsten, the Director of Cricket, for his unfailing support and assistance.

**Francois Morgan**

*Coach*

#### 4th XI

**Regular players:** *Byron Chandler, Lyle Clubb, Ben Ferguson, Jonathan Ferguson (captain), Andrew Harding, Ayaan Jakura, Robert James, Deepen Kooverjee, Callum Lupton-Smith, Vumi Mbokota, Campbell McKenzie, James Ogilvie, Sabelo Skosana, Chris Snijman, Caleb Venter*

In my three decades of coaching this wonderful game, seldom have I encountered a group of boys who played with an infectious spirit and total joy. Success in terms of victory mostly eluded them (the team lost four of their five matches), but their enthusiasm won them the affection of many.

The 1st term fixture against Michaelhouse and the 4th term fixture against St Charles, whilst lost, were incredibly exciting matches that literally went down to the last ball. The team's finest hour came on the hallowed Falcon Oval when they defeated DHS by seven wickets. The winning run unleashed a tsunami of joy!

I would like to thank all the players, particularly Jonathan Ferguson. He was a stalwart of the team since September



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2020 and was a loyal and encouraging captain. Thanks as always goes to the Director of Cricket Warren Kirsten and to Nick Holtzhausen for his excellent coaching and selfless service.

**Paul Venter**

*Coach*

#### U16A

**Regular players:** *Grant Bridgeford, Kyle Christie, Natenzi Denenga, Ivan Jjuuko, Jarred Kitto (captain), Murray Loughor-Clarke, Jarred Maltby, James McGregor, Liyema Nela, Didier Rey, Daniel Sweeney, Kingsley Thompson, Ethan Van Heerden, Christopher Wagner*

The U16A side had an excellent cricket season. Jarred Kitto, who was our captain in the first term, left for the United States on exchange. He was missed at the top of the order but Daniel Sweeney and Christopher Wagner both stepped up and were able to often put our team into a good position with the opening partnership. Ethan Van Heerden, James McGregor and Ivan Jjuuko made up our middle order and all-rounder positions. Jjuuko did an exceptional job in taking over the captaincy from the missing Kitto. Kingsley Thompson and Grant Bridgeford were considered the big hitters and Natenzi Denenga and Didier Rey filled the bowling quotas. Jarrod Maltby came into the team as the wicket keeper to replace Kitto and did a great job for us behind the stumps.

A handful of the boys got the opportunity to make their 1st XI debuts this year, showing how determined they were to work hard at improving their cricketing skills and showcasing it at a higher level.

Denenga, Jjuuko, Kyle Christie, Liyema Nela, Murray Loughor-Clarke and Ethan Van Heerden were all selected for the KZN U16A cricket team.

While all the boys contributed to a successful season this year, we had some stand-out performances:

- Denenga finished the year as the highest wicket taker, taking 21 wickets with best bowling figures of 5/16.



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- Van Heerden finished the year as the highest run scorer, scoring 303 runs with a high score of 86. Ethan also picked up 11 wickets with best bowling figures of 5/33.
- Wagner made the only 100 of the season, contributing 101 against Glenwood.

Noticeable results came against St Charles, where the boys chased 166 for the loss of eight wickets, with the help of a gutsy 66 by captain Jjuuko, taking the game down to the wire with a win for our boys with two overs left on the day. In our fourth term match against Glenwood, the boys set their highest target of the season, 326/6 with contributions from Wagner (101) and Van Heerden (86). Unfortunately, the weather intervened and the game was finished without a result.

**Travis Pieters**  
Coach

## U15A

**Regular players:** Luke Campbell, Ben Erasmus, Stewart Falconer, Josh Grant, Nic Harcourt, David Hill, Ben Hockly, Chris Morrison, Liyema Nela, James Ogilby (captain), Jacques Olivier, Alex Pitman

Our U15A side had an excellent 2022 season and showed great character to end the season on a high with an excellent win against Northwood. I believe the boys grew in character and stature throughout the season and are now better cricket players and people because of their hard work and determination.

The season started with a tough tour of Cape Town with mixed results, but the team went from strength to



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strength throughout the season winning most of their matches comprehensively.

Although all the boys contributed, the outstanding player of the season with bat, ball and in the field was David Hill who scored 270 runs at an average of 30, took 20 wickets at an average of 20 and had four run outs and five catches.

The top run scorer was Stewart Falconer, who scored 669 runs at an average of 45, including five 50s and a hundred. Ben Hockly contributed 572 runs with the bat at an average of 29, as well as taking some excellent catches behind the stumps. In the bowling department Luke Campbell was Mr Consistent, taking 32 wickets at an average of 17, while Liyema Nela took 29 wickets, at an average of 15.

**Jaco van Wyk**  
Coach

## U15B

**Regular players:** Andre Boshoff, Callum Bryson, Robert Burman, Jamie Dunn, Josh Grant, Jack Guye, Jake Hockly, Jack Holtzhauzen, Chris Johnson (captain), Bryce Johnson, William Leathern, Tshiamo Mashishi, Mitchell McGhee, Christopher Morrison, Benjamin Scorgie, Jason Webster, James Youens

The U15Bs enjoyed, for the most part, a very good season. The top order piled on runs while the wickets came with patience and determination. Whereas there was room for improvement with the fielding, the general comradery and banter in the team meant practices and matches were upbeat and enjoyable.

The highlight was undoubtedly the 172-run victory against Glenwood. Having scored a monstrous 279/4 in our allotted 20 overs (Jason Webster 95 off 41 and Josh Grant 70 off 44), we bowled out the opposition for 107, with wickets shared among all the bowlers.

Other notable games included the six-wicket victory over Kearsney in the first game of the season, beating Westville by 68 runs, and a convincing win away from home over Michaelhouse.

While there were a number of changes to personnel from term one to term four, it was great to see the development of players such as Jamie Dunn, Mitchell McGhee, and Tshiamo Mashishi.

**Craig Wilkinson**  
Coach

## U14A

**Regular players:** Jack Benkenstein (captain), Matthew Bezuidenhout, Daniel Christie, Ben Coetzee, Guy Fender, Sechaba Gude, Luke Holden, Barack Munawa, Francois Odendaal, James Peattie, Benoit Rey, Ross Steyn, Luke Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Oyena Zulu

The team played 17 matches in the season and produced a decidedly mixed bag of results.

Eight matches were abandoned before a result could be achieved, four were won and five were lost against some very talented opposition. Of those losses there were at least three games where we lost focus at crucial times and let it slip.

This team showed plenty of fight and managed some outstanding wins through excellent cricket. Highlights included a win against Michaelhouse by seven runs in the first term in a T20, and a hard grafted win against Rondebosch during the Hilton U14 cricket festival. A win against Rondebosch, who are a traditionally strong cricket school, is always satisfying!

As always, the festival held every year at Hilton is an outstanding four days for boys and parents alike. Some tough cricket was played, affording boys the opportunity to play on the magnificent Hart-Davis Oval, which will most likely be the last time any of them do until they don the white cap for the 1st XI.

Some outstanding cricket was played through the year and some individuals put in stand-out performances: Jack

Benkenstein got a well-deserved 100 in the final fixture, albeit on the losing side of the game, while Benoit Rey tried his hand at off-spin bowling, picking up six wickets against Glenwood in only his fifth spell of bowling.

It was a privilege to coach this team and their dedication to the game stands the school in good stead for the years to come.

**Mark Handman**  
Coach

## U14B

**Regular players:** Matthew Bezuidenhout, Nwagbo Chika, Daniel Evans, Oscar Franco, John Gafney, Lance Kitto, Khumo Lobelo, Ethan Maltby, Atang Mphati, Barack Munawa, Francois Odendaal, Sebastian Ozoux, James Voller, Christopher Weavind, Matt Wilson (captain), Wanga Zulu

The U14B team had quite a rollercoaster of a year. Many of the team's players were offered the opportunity to play for the A team due to injuries sustained by players in that team. While this was great for the boys taking up the opportunity, it meant that our team changed with every fixture. This in turn offered C-team boys the opportunity to showcase their talent and some played their way into the B team.

Our team played 12 fixtures of which we won five, lost five and two games were abandoned. The boys were on top form against St Charles' College and Glenwood, winning both games by eight wickets. However, we were unable to come out on top for any of the three games against Michaelhouse, which was a bitter pill to swallow.

I remain confident that these players will set things right in the years to come and stay true to the maxim "it is not how we start but how we finish". I have enjoyed coaching them and would like to thank their parents for their continued support on and off the pitch.

**Tienie van Wyk**  
Coach



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### U14C

**Regular players:** *Ethan Aitken, James Aitken, Joshua Chibwe, Nwagbo Chika, Oliver Crowe, Lance Kitto, Christopher Lindsay, Mathew McGhee, Sebastian Ozoux, Stephen Pech, Brynn Valentine, Victor Viljoen*

This team was made up of an enthusiastic group of boys who practised enthusiastically and appeared to enjoy their cricket. They enjoyed net practices and often preferred to spend time batting and bowling there than playing out in the field. The improvement in their individual skills was particularly evident as the season progressed.

In the first game against Durban High School we scored 110, thanks to contributions from most players and a healthy 22 from Lance Kitto. Ethan and James Aitken bowled very well, picking up three wickets each. DHS needed nine off the last over and we managed to restrict them to just five runs, and so started the season with a win.

The following week we were away to St Charles. Thanks to an excellent display of control and power hitting by Sebastian Ozoux (87 off 68 balls), we scored 156 off our 20 overs. The game was again very close, and in the chase, St Charles required 10 off the last three balls of their innings. Sadly for us, they scored 2, 4, 4 ... and having won on the last ball the week before, it was different this time around. However, another exciting game of cricket was enjoyed by all.

The ground staff did an excellent job of preparing our pitch for the next home game against Glenwood. It had rained a lot and there was also a marquee on the field (from Speech Day, the day before). This did not deter us, and we were involved in another close game. We scored more runs off the bat than Glenwood and took some great catches, but we leaked too many extras and lost narrowly by nine runs.

Michaelhouse had proved too strong for us when we played them in the 1st term, and we were determined to make amends second time around. Despite Chris Lindsay picking up four wickets in their innings, we lost regular wickets in our chase and came up short of the target. Having missed a game to Westville due to heavy rain, the last match of the season was suddenly upon us, this time against Northwood. It was a good toss to win on a damp pitch and our spinners did well (Joshua Chibwe and Chris again). Unfortunately, as the pitch dried up so did the wickets and we were left to chase a few too many runs. Although we often played with a man or two short, we always gave of our best. We hope that this enthusiastic group of players will continue to play this great game next year.

Many thanks go to the parents and families for their enthusiastic support both at home and away.

**Mike Green and Graeme Roberts**  
*Coaches*



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**1st Team****Back Row:** Nic McLeod**Middle Row:** Nic Harcourt, Brett Cutting, Guy Harcourt, Ethan van Heerden, Rorisang Nkosi, Christopher Bagnall**Front Row:** Andrew Moravec, Mr Jacques Nel, Murray Dahl (captain), Mr Graeme Evans, Jake Carstens

## Golf

**1st team:** Chris Bagnall, Stuart Baker, James Campbell, Brett Cutting, Murray Dahl (captain), Cam Gray, Guy Harcourt, Nic Harcourt, Nic McLeod, Andrew Moravec, Rori Nkosi, Rene Seopa, Chris Snijman, Ethan van Heerden

**2nd team:** Calum Bryson, Byron Chandler, Rob James, William Kitching, Charlie Short, Chad Swanepoel, Chris Wagner, Matt Watts

It was an eventful year in golf with a number of highlights to celebrate. The year started with Mr Msizi Mchunu in charge before he handed over the reins to me some time in the 2nd term. I appreciate his continued support, as well as that of Mr Jeremy Piater, Ms Thembile Zuma and Ms Moira Gundu at the golf range, and Mr Darryn Gallagher, Mr Matt Fairweather and Ms Andrea Ridderhof in the sports office.

Our external coach is Mr Jacques Nel and much of our success and progress this year can be attributed to his expertise, drive and vision for golf at Hilton College. We have a magnificent golf range facility, and we are striving to keep this in tip-top condition. This year, we have extended the grass tee area, created a pot bunker

*Much of our success this year can be attributed to Jacques Nel's expertise and vision.*

and developed the pitching and chipping area. Our sincere thanks go to the staff of Spectrum for maintaining the grounds on a weekly basis. There are a number of areas we would like to develop further. The golf hut is in need of an overhaul, the range needs a golf ball washer and we would love to have an enclosed area around the mats for video analysis. Ideally, we also need a manageable putting service, and research suggests that the best (although not necessarily the cheapest) option will be one which is AstroTurf based.

The boys have really done us proud under the captaincy of Murray Dahl, and ably assisted by his vice-captain Andrew Moravec. In the first term, we played our KZN Inland league with Michaelhouse, Maritzburg College and St





Charles College, home and away, during which we went unbeaten. In the same term, Hilton won the KZN Schools' Strokeplay Championships and came third in the Affies tournament. The second term saw us taking a tour to the Woodlands Masters in Johannesburg where we came fourth overall. This was followed soon after by our annual derby against Pretoria Boys' High. However, considerable delays on the highway saw the event being reduced to only nine holes. Early in the third term, we competed in the SA Nationals at Humewood in Port Elizabeth coming in at joint fifth. We had three boys selected to compete for KZN in the Inter-Provincial Strokeplay competition in Polokwane with Chris Bagnall competing for the A team and Murray Dahl and Rori Nkosi in the B team. The KZN A team took first place and the KZN B team took second place. Arguably, the highlight of the year was Chris Bagnall's score in the competition of 20 under par, and 17 shots clear of the field.

The climax of the year was, of course, our annual dual with Michaelhouse in the Douglas Cup – a trophy that has been sitting in the Hilton College display cabinet for seven years. Traditionally this competition is played at Boschoek Golf Club but due to logistics outside of our control, this year we played the competition at the beautiful Victoria Country Club. The 1st team competition was hard fought with Michaelhouse getting the better of us in the singles. However, due to our dominance in the foursomes, we

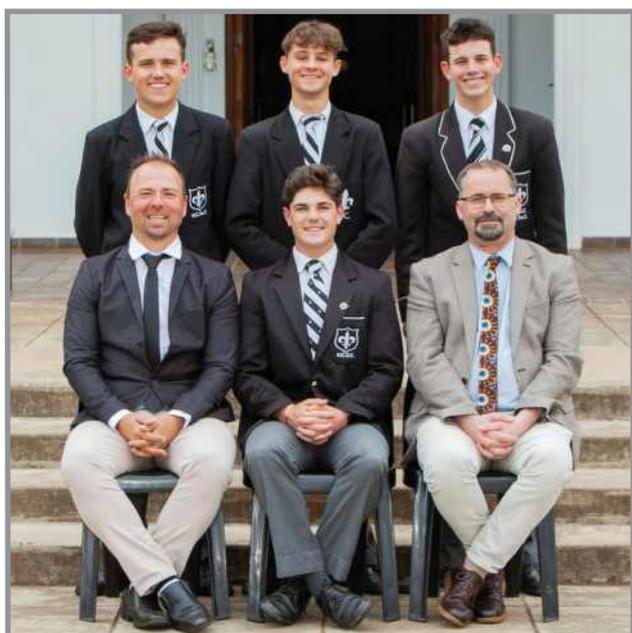
retained the trophy with a narrow margin of two points. The 2nd Team also won their competition.

We returned to Victoria Country Club for our annual golf dinner. It was a fitting end to a great year, and my sincere thanks to Andrew Moravec, the MC for the evening, and to Jacques Nel for delivering a highly motivational address. At this event, the following accolades were announced:

Captain 2023.....	<b>Guy Harcourt</b>
Vice-Captain 2023.....	<b>James Campbell</b>
Top Junior Award.....	<b>Nic Harcourt</b>
Emerging Golfer Award.....	<b>Nic McLeod</b>
Attitude, Belief and Commitment Award.....	<b>Chris Snijman</b>
Inter-house Trophy.....	<b>Pearce</b>
Longest drive (Junior).....	<b>Morne Engelbrecht</b>
Longest Drive (Senior).....	<b>Rori Nkosi</b>
Most Influential Non-specialist Golfer .....	<b>Cam Gray</b>
Order of Merit Award ( <i>Shillaw Trophy</i> ).....	<b>Chris Bagnall</b>
Sportsmanship award ( <i>Geyser Cup</i> ).....	<b>Guy Harcourt</b>
Douglas Cup Most Valuable Player ( <i>Harvey Douglas Shield</i> ) .....	<b>Brett Cutting</b>
Matchplay Champion ( <i>Gordon Grieve Cup</i> ) .....	<b>Guy Harcourt</b>
Senior Stroke Play Champion ( <i>Grindrod Trophy</i> ) .....	<b>Murray Dahl</b>
Golfer of the Year ( <i>John Andrew Memorial Trophy</i> ).....	<b>Chris Bagnall</b>
Douglas Cup .....	<b>Hilton College</b>

Finally, I would like to thank the ever-faithful parents for their continued support of golf at Hilton College and for their presence at all our tours and functions. You are sincerely appreciated.

**Graeme Evans**  
MIC Golf



**National Team**

**Back Row:** Guy Harcourt, Brett Cutting, Christopher Bagnall  
**Front Row:** Mr Jacques Nel (coach), Murray Dahl, Mr Graeme Evans



#### 1st Team

**Back Row:** Joel Kitshoff, Jake Carstens, Dylan Pratt, Wian Liebenberg, Michael Sara, Nicholas Chantler

**Middle Row:** David Tshebi, Dale Herbert, Nkosi Shoji, Kyle Gilson, Akha Mda, Kearabetswe Khoele

**Front Row:** Kristofer Watt, Mr Devon van der Merwe, Jarryd Pike, Mr Damian Kimfley, Matt Rout (captain), Mr Carl Schmidt, Daniel den Bakker

## Hockey

### Overview

The much-anticipated 2022 hockey season was well worth the wait, and we were delighted to be engaged in a full season of fixtures amidst a wonderful atmosphere in our school's 150th year.

The pre-season was somewhat disrupted, leaving us uncertain of our chances of success. The 1st XI were stand-out performers, and the 3rd XI had an unbeaten season. This does not happen by chance. It is the result of tremendous dedication, commitment, and a willingness to push through hardships.

Owing to the number of teams in our club, it is not always possible for opposition schools to match us. This means matches have to be arranged for teams that don't get to play against the Saturday-fixture school. Exacerbating this is the fact that the government and independent school calendars don't align.

The coaches and I could not be prouder of our players for the way they conducted themselves on and off the pitch

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and the spirit in which they played the game. Ours is not a win-at-all-costs mentality, but rather one of performing at our best, enjoying being out there and celebrating the opportunity to compete.

The coaches played their part by being punctual, looking the part and being energetic, whether they were on table duty, umpiring or commanding their charges during matches.

We have seen the club grow in terms of the number of teams, attendance at practises and the quality of hockey being played each week.

In the year 2022, we had 16 teams. They collectively played 154 matches, winning 72, drawing 26 and losing 56. We had a win percentage of 46% including staggers.

The club has done well this year with Hilton College boys being selected to play at provincial and national level. Our congratulations go to the following boys:

#### U14

KZN Winter games: Sebastian Laudenberg

KZN Inland A: Sebastian Laudenberg, Ethan Maltby, Oyena Zulu, Wanga Zulu

KZN Inland B: Tadi Hove, Khumo Lobelo, Lance Kitto

Non-travelling reserve: Sechaba Gude



### U16

KZN Inland A: Grant Bridgeford, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Jarred Kitto, Reagan Mudau, Tino Hove

KZN Inland B: Joshua Julius, Xavier Enslin, Connor Thomson, Masud Dakile

Non-travelling reserves: Jarred Maltby, Matthew Thomas, Matome Manthata

### U17

SA U17 A: Nkosi Shozi, Kearabetswe Khoele, Nicholas Chantler

### U18

KZN Inland A: Nkosi Shozi, Jarryd Pike, Matt Rout, Nicholas Chantler, Daniel den Bakker, Akha Mda, Kyle Gilson, Dylan Pratt, Kearabetswe Khoele

KZN Inland B: David Kitshoff

Non-travelling: Jordan Udal, Dale Herbert

SA U18A: Matt Rout, Daniel den Bakker and Akha Mda

**Devon van der Merwe**  
*Director of Hockey*

### 1st XI

**Regular players:** Jake Carstens, Nicholas Chantler, Daniel den Bakker, Kyle Gilson, Dale Herbert, Jarred Kitto, Joel



Martin Ashworth

*Kitshoff, Kearabetswe Khoele, Wian Liebenberg, Akha Mda, Dylan Pratt, Jarryd Pike, Matt Rout (captain), Michael Sara, Nkosi Shozi, David Tshebi, Jordan Udal, Kristofer Watt*

The 2022 Hilton hockey season was always going to be a special one, it being our school's sesquicentennial year. Plus, we finally played a full season of hockey with 19 games in comparison to the previous season's nine matches. After the two-year Covid hiatus, we were not sure how we compared to other schools. This led to us attending two festivals: the traditional Nomads Festival and the St Stithian's Easter Festival. With such a talented team, the goals for the season were clear: we wanted an unbeaten season, to end the season ranked number one in the country, and to win convincingly.

Our target of an unbeaten season did not last long as we were defeated by Grey High School in our second match. This seemed to ignite in us the drive to be number one, with us not losing another game and scoring a total of 83 goals and conceding only 13; that number of goals scored in a season is unheard of. The boys must be congratulated for the attacking nature of their hockey. The goal to be number one in the country was achieved for the first time in the school's history.

This year we have had fair representation at provincial and national level. Matt Rout, Daniel den Bakker and Akha Mda were selected for the SA U18A team and all played in the Namibian test series. Furthermore, another three players were selected for the SA U17A team: Nkosi Shozi, Kearabetswe Khoele and Nicholas Chantler. Lastly, Jarred Kitto was selected for the SA U16A High-Performance Squad. Provincially, we had nine players in the KZN Inland U18A side, two in the KZN Inland U18B side, two on the non-travelling reserve list and one player from the 1st XI in the U16A Inland Team.

The success of a team does not happen without people in the background who put in thankless hours to upskill and improve each player's development. Individuals like Devon van der Merwe, Matt Fairweather, Carl Schmidt, Nick

Pereira, and Daiyaan Solomons have all been instrumental in this year's processes, and we are very grateful for the work that they have done.

This season we say farewell to eight boys: Matt Rout, Jarryd Pike, Kristofer Watt, Daniel den Bakker, Kyle Gilson, David Tshebi, Jake Carstens, and Dylan Pratt. These individuals have represented the 1st XI well and can leave knowing they have served the white jersey with distinction and added to the already proud legacy of the Hilton College Hockey Club.

**Jake Carstens:** Jake has been a wonderful member of our club and team. His positive attitude is commendable. Jake also has a natural ability to score goals and he ended the season with quite a few to his name. I wish Jake the best of luck in his future endeavours.

**Nicholas Chantler** (Full Colours): Nicholas has done well in his first year. He made the left-back position his own. His calmness on the ball and ability to get stuck in when defending has been key. Nicholas's hard work has not gone unnoticed, and he was selected for the SA U17A team at this year's inter-provincial tournament. Congratulations!

**Daniel Den Bakker** (Honours): Daniel has just picked up where he left off last season. His calm presence in midfield and ability to control the game so effortlessly must be complimented. Daniel enhanced his game by adding goals to his tally, with him ending the season as the second-highest scorer with a total of 15 goals. His hard work paid off when he was selected for the SA U18A Team at the recent Inter-Provincial Tournament (IPT). I look forward to watching your hockey career blossom in the future. All the best.

**Kyle Gilson** (Full Colours): Kyle has had a successful hockey season for the 1st team. His ability to create goals was a big contribution to our season. He improved greatly in scoring goals and scored some very important goals this season. I wish Kyle all the best for the future.

**Dale Herbert** (Half Colours): Dale can be complimented for being open and willing to change positions during the preseason. He improved immensely during the preseason and in the season. Dale is encouraged to keep working

hard in the off-season, so he can be ready for next season and claim a starting spot on the 1st team. I look forward to tracking his development.

**Jarred Kitto:** It took a bit of time for him to adapt to the team, but once he got going, he was terrific. He fitted into the 1st team seamlessly with his exceptional skill on the ball and willingness to work hard. Jarred can also be congratulated for being selected into the SA U16 High-Performance Squad.

**Joel Kitshoff** (Half Colours): Joel can be complimented for his hard work in the preseason. His contribution to the team has been immense. He is encouraged to enjoy the game more and not be too hard on himself. I look forward to his progression next year as he assumes the position of a senior member of the squad.

**Kearabetswe Khoele** (Full Colours): Kearabetswe has had an exciting first year in the 1st team. He has scored some crucial goals and is encouraged to score even more next season and become a regular on the scoring sheet. Kearabetswe was also picked for the KwaZulu-Natal Inland U18A side and the SA U17A team.

**Wian Liebenberg** (Full Colours): Wian had a stop-start season in his second year in the 1st team. This is solely down to the injuries he sustained. He is encouraged to knuckle down in the preseason and hit new heights for his final season as a senior member of the team next year.

**Akha Mda** (Honours): Akha started the season slowly owing to an ankle injury which affected his involvement in the two starts of season festivals. Akha returned to fitness at a crucial stage of the season and continued his fine form into the IPT where he was selected for SA U18A team.

**Dylan Pratt:** Dylan had a relatively quiet season compared to last year's break-out season. He put himself under extreme pressure to hit last year's heights and struggled. He did, however, start to show signs at the end of the season and scored big goals against both Michaelhouse fixtures. I wish Dylan all the best in his future endeavours.

**Jarryd Pike** (Full Colours): Jarryd has had a successful third and final year in the 1st team. His ability to offer so much down the right-hand side of the field with his speed and skill has been instrumental. He also led the team and KZN



Martin Ashworth



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Inland team in the vice-captaincy role and contributed greatly. I wish him the very best for the future. It was a complete joy to coach and work so closely with him.

**Matt Rout** (Honours): Matt has been an absolute pleasure to work with. He led the 1st team and the KZN Inland team as captain, serving with distinction. His ability to stay calm and make the right decision at the right time is second to none. All his hard work was rewarded at the IPT with him being named defender of the tournament and being selected for the SA U18A team. His great leadership skills didn't go unnoticed, as he was selected as the vice-captain of the SA U18 A team as well. I will be watching Matt's progress closely as I am sure he will build on his success.

**Michael Sara** (Half Colours): Michael's first year in the 1st team was a good one. He has made tremendous progress. His hard work in preseason got him selected for the 1st tour of the season, which he can be very proud of. I look forward to working with him next season as he should be pushing for a starting place in the team.

**Nkosi Shoji:** Nkosi has had a great start to his first year in the 1st team. He has made some crucial and matching-winning saves this season. I encourage him to remain humble in this and strive for an even better next season. He was selected for the SA U17A team at the recent IPT. Congratulations.

**David Tsebi:** David, unfortunately, didn't hit the heights and extremely high standard he set out for himself this year. He is encouraged to gain focus and get the hunger and drive to be the best player on the field back. David has a brilliant ability, and it would be a great disappointment if he does not fulfil that. I wish him all the best for the future as I am sure he will make a success out of and play for the Green and Gold one day.

**Jordan Udal:** Jordan has been a terrific member of the squad. With him being a goalkeeper, it's always tough to make the starting 11 as you can only pick one. Unfortunately, he was the backup keeper but contributed so much and pushed our 1st team keeper to new heights. I can confidently say that our goal-keeping spots are still in good hands next year.

**Kristofer Watt** (Honours): Kristofer has had an outstanding season, not only leading from the back but also scoring important goals. Furthermore, he ended the

season as the Top Scorer with 26 goals. Kristofer can be congratulated for a remarkable season and deserved his Most Valuable Player of the Season Award.

**Damian Kimfley**

*Coach*

## 2nd XI

**Regular players:** *Josh Black, Jake Carstens, Matt Diemont, Buhle Gqwaaru, Dale Herbert, Daniel Holtzhausen, Joel Kitshoff, Callum Lupton-Smith, Benjamin McGuigan, Michael Sara, Marumo Selane (captain), Jarrod Siddall (captain), Samuel Strydom, Jordan Udal, Jaiden Wilde*

Many of the players in this team were part of a senior pre-season training squad under the care of Mr Devon van der Merwe and Mr Damian Kimfley, which meant they were well-conditioned and ready for their first match.

The first match of the season was against Northwood, which we won 2-1. It would be more than a month before we played again due to the end-of-term holiday.

Fortunately, the break served the team well and started the 2nd term with a 6-1 win over St Charles. The quality of hockey in this match signalled what would be a great season characterized by excellent passes and possession. Our first encounter against Michaelhouse was over the 150-year celebratory weekend. Adamant to upset the party, Michaelhouse played hard, but lost to us 2-0. This was followed by a win over DHS, where the boys played superb hockey.

We did not travel well to Pretoria, and although we had plenty of chances and played an excellent brand of hockey, we were unable to convert the opportunities and went down for the only loss of the season, 0-1.

In the remaining four matches of the season, the team enjoyed wins against Glenwood (3-2) and Kearsney (3-2) and draws against Maritzburg College (2-2) and Michaelhouse (0-0).



Jon Chantler

Jon Chantler  
PHOTOGRAPH

One of the best matches of the season, for me, was against Maritzburg College on their home field. After the first chukka, we were down 0-2, playing in the heat of the day with no available reserves due to illness and injury. The team showed great determination and grit to score two goals in the second chukka and then hold the opposition to a 2-2 draw at the final whistle.

It is fair to say that these players are among the best the school has seen at 2nd team level, and I hope we can maintain this level in years to come.

The Grade 12s were encouraging of new and younger players, and I hope that future seniors will do the same. I am confident that some of the Grade 11s will represent the 1st XI in 2023, but there is a promising crop of younger players coming through.

The team benefitted from the support and additional coaching of Mr van der Merwe and Mr Kimfley, for which I am very grateful.

**James Webb**  
Coach

### 3rd XI

**Regular players:** *Tanner Bailey, Stuart Baker, Buthulwazi Buthlezi, Brett Cutting, Luke Hancock, Tim King, William Kitching, Callum Lupton-Smith, Vumi Mbokota, Nic McLeod, Matuma Mojabelo, Newo Munyai, Mathubamahle Xaba (captain)*

It has been an absolute pleasure to have coached such a superlative team this season. Sticking firmly to our mantra of “play good hockey, have fun, win – in that order,” the boys outdid themselves on every occasion to finish the season undefeated.

The team decision to have a squad of 13 players, with two different boys starting on the bench for each match, is evidence of the easy-going nature of the team. Everyone was supportive of one another, and this enabled the team to play pressure-free, uninhibited hockey.

Our “worst” result of the season was the 0-0 draw against a strong Westville side, played on Beckingham on a rainy, single-digit-temperature morning. For me, the highlight was the match against Kearsney: I have never seen a 3rd team play with that much confidence and composure over the ball. As a coach, it was a pleasure to watch.



Jon Chantler



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“play good hockey, have fun, win”.*

Able led by Mathubamahle Xaba, and assisted by Vumi Mbokota and Newo Munyai, each player grew in terms of their hockey and vision over the course of the season, and I am certain (although somewhat saddened but also proud) that most of the returning players will be turning out for the 2nds (perhaps 1sts) in 2023.

**Nick Holtzhauzen**  
Coach

### 4th XI

**Regular players:** *Guy Harcourt, Andrew Harding, Alistair Howard, Ayaan Jakhura, Zimele Khumalo, Lebo Legodi, Hlonie Lethole, Anelisa Maphumulo, Lesedi Mogashoa, Moeletsi Moletsane, Connor Paton, Tristan Paton, Jehan Thipanyane-Said, Devon Thomson, Aman Wadhvani, Matt Watt, Sam Wingfield*

The 2022 4th team proved themselves to be one of the strongest 4th teams in recent years. This was due to the natural ability and skill of each individual member of the team. With each boy being a competent hockey player, the team mostly needed to focus on learning to work together, communicate effectively, make themselves available to receive the ball and, most importantly, finish off with a goal. Therefore, many of our practices consisted of playing games against the 3rd and 5th teams.

A highlight of the season was the team's win against Michaelhouse in both their opening and closing matches as well as two wins against St Charles. The match against St Charles stood out, as every boy played amazing hockey that evening, and the team functioned so well as a unit. Another match which deserves mention was against Pretoria Boys and although we did not win, the boys played an incredible game of hockey, only failing to put the ball into the net.

I would like to thank the boys of this team for a pleasant season and the opportunity to be the coach of such a talented team. It was good to be a part of a team where the boys just get on with it. Also, a special thank you to

those boys who helped keeping for the 4ths, even after playing games.

**Jeremy Piater**  
Coach

## 5th XI

**Regular players:** Harry Bailey, Adam Cole, Kieran Griffin, Benjamin Guimaraens, Alex Hayward, Ayaan Jakhura, Ronan Keogh, Zimele Khumalo, Zakhele Khumalo, Kukhanya Mahlangu, Oliver Mann, Similo Mkhungo, James Morrison, Saphiwa Nzimande, James Ogilvie, Ethan Smith, Aman Wadhvani

It has been my absolute pleasure to coach the 5th team this past season. To work with such an enthusiastic group of young gentlemen was indeed a pleasure. While the season had its highs and lows, the win-loss ratio was less important than the intrepid drive and sheer enthusiasm of the players. The team had to deal with a few losses, which only served to inspire them to dig a little deeper, especially losing to Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS). There was constant improvement with each match that we played and by the end of the season, the improvement was noticeable.

A highlight for me was the match against Maritzburg College. The boys played their hearts out and redeemed themselves after a disappointing showing against PBHS a week earlier. In summary, we played seven matches: we won one, lost four and drew two.

Coaching a side with five boys who had never played hockey before was a challenge which I relished, and it was a pleasure to see such camaraderie among the boys. There isn't any one player that I would like to single out but rather all the boys in the team for their determination and passion throughout the season.

**Wilbert Tenga**  
Coach



## U16A

**Regular players:** Nic Bregman-Frangos, Grant Bridgeford, Robert Burman, Masud Dakile, Xavier Enslin, Nic Harcourt, Tino Hove, Joshua Julius, Murray Loughor-Clarke (captain), Jarred Maltby, Reagan Mudau, Matthew Thomas, Connor Thomson, Chase Smith, Oscar Steiner

What a privilege it is to be able to reflect on a full hockey season for the first time in three years. The boys began the 2022 season with a robust and demanding pre-season. They were able to work on their fitness as well as their basic skills. The moment the seasons changed, they were hungry and ready for what would be a tough, competitive and energy-sapping few months.

The season began with a KZN top 10 festival at Kearsney. We came out firing and managed to beat Clifton and Westville but lost to a very good Northwood side. This festival laid the platform for our tour to King Edward VII School (KES), where we took part in the Nomads festival. We would come up against some of the best hockey-playing schools in the country. Aably captained by Murray Loughor-Clarke, we would go on to score goals at will, beating KES, Jeppe and Pretoria Boys High School. The match of the tournament was against Wynberg, where we went down 3-4 in a classic schoolboy hockey match. During the actual season we played some scintillating hockey and notched up some impressive wins, the highlight being a 2-0 away game against Maritzburg College. We played with heart and determination in a venue that is very difficult to win matches. Our double header against our old foe Michaelhouse was every bit of what a derby should look like. An aggregate score of 4-4 over the two legs is indicative of how close in ability these two teams are. I am pleased with the way in which we finished the season, going five matches unbeaten against some very good opposition.

The standout achievement of this team was the number of clean sheets they were able to keep. Eleven out of 17 games is an impressive statistic. Credit must be given to our "back five" who worked tirelessly to provide a solid base on which to launch attacks.

To the Grade 10 boys in the group, I want to acknowledge you for making sure all boys felt like they belonged in the team. A team can only be successful if every member is comfortable and secure so they can execute under pressure. I wish this group of boys everything of the best as they continue their journey through the school. Keep working hard. My hope is to see you all playing for the 1st XI in the next few years.

Congratulations to the following boys for making the KZN Inland U16A and B teams.

KZN Inland A: Grant Bridgeford, Tino Hove, Jarred Kitto, Murray Loughor-Clarke, Reagan Mudau

KZN Inland B: Masud Dakile, Xavier Enslin, Joshua Julius, Connor Thomson

Non-travelling reserves: Jarred Maltby, Matthew Thomas, Mantome Manthata

**James Bullough**  
Coach

### U16B

**Regular players:** Darryn Bridgeford, Oliver Chapple, Kenyu Chiang, Max Gilson (captain), Nic Harcourt, Jack Henderson, Jack Holtzhauzen, Jack Kitching, Matome Manthata, Reagan Mudau, Chase Smith, Jason Webster, Alex Wesselink, Sandiso Zondi

The 2022 season began with much excitement amongst the boys, as we were finally returning to a full list of fixtures. The team did not disappoint and hit the ground running with three excellent wins. We beat Northwood 2-1, where the boys showed great determination after going down a goal early in the game. This game was followed by a very impressive and clinical performance against St Charles, winning 7-1. Then came the 150th celebratory weekend and the team rose to the occasion in a very well-played game, beating Michaelhouse 2-0.

We then hit a bit of a mid-season slump, with two losses back-to-back against Durban High School and Pretoria



Boys High School. These were both games in which, despite playing some good hockey, we struggled to convert the many chances we had. We managed to get back on track with a win over Westville, but then faced a tough away fixture against Maritzburg College. The game against College was rather disappointing for us as a team, as we out played our opposition but, again, could not score any goals.

We went in to the last three games of the season with a desire to improve and finish on a strong note. A comfortable 3-0 win over Glenwood and tightly contested victory over Kearsney put the team in a good place mentally to have another crack at Michaelhouse. In the end we were too strong for them and managed to find the back of the net as we had done at the start of the season. We finished very happily with a 5-1 win.

I believe this team has learnt a great deal this season. More importantly they had fun every step of the way and enjoyed playing for each other and Hilton College.

**James Robey**  
Coach

### U16C

**Regular players:** Josh Aitken, Dan Carver, Kyle Christie, James Dingley, Rhydian Evans, Tumelo Gopane, Uthando Gumede, Alex Hathorn, Jack Henderson, Mpho Makulana, James Moore, Munashe Musora, Efe Ozcan, Trey Padayachee, Andiswa Thwala, Sandiso Zondi (captain)

The team began the season excited and ready for a challenge. Having been denied a proper season for the past few years, this was going to be one to remember. We got off to a bumpy start with a draw against Northwood and a loss against St Charles College. We went back to the drawing board and improved in all possible areas, leading to a phenomenal win against Michaelhouse. I guess it's true what they say: it's easy to get to the top but staying there is hard. We had to learn that the hard way and lost two games in a row. After hard talks and going back to basics, we had a triumphant win of 7-0 towards the end of the season. In all we played 10 matches, of which we won two, lost four and drew four. Credit must go to our defenders, including our captain Sandiso Zondi, who showed great leadership skills. Our forwards and links improved this season exponentially. It was a pleasure to coach such exceptional boys. May each one of them reach their goals and fulfil their dreams.

**Liezl Scholtz**  
Coach

### U16D

**Regular players:** Kigen Chepkonga, Lyle Clubb, Joshua Dube, Gcina Gqwaaru, Erin Kihara, Ntando Mchunu (captain), Sedise Moseneke, Mpande Myeza, Ben Scorgie, Boleng Seo, Nicolas Wenyika, Keita Xala

The season began with fixtures against the 16C and 16E. These games were tough and helped with the selection of the final squad.

Our first fixture was a home game against Northwood which we lost 0-2. The team banded together to work on chemistry between players, combination plays and drills on scoring.

We reaped the rewards in our home game against Michaelhouse, which we won 4-1. This victory was especially sweet. Gcina Gqwaaru and our captain Ntandu Mchunu were stand out performers in front of the goals against a stubborn Michaelhouse defense.

A memorable fixture for me was our match against Pretoria Boys High School. The team displayed a level of discipline and resilience that I did not know they had. They were resolute in defense and the ball movement was immaculate. And even though we were outplayed, the boys ensured that no goals were conceded.

The team can be proud of their fighting spirit. Most of the games were lost because of minor errors but the team remained strong and resolute. Credit must be given to Mchunu, who kept the team together and showed strong leadership, particularly when we lost.

My hope is to see the Grade 10s in the team have success in the next two seasons in senior teams and to see the Grade 9s next year move to playing in the U16C and taking on more leadership roles in their teams.

**Orateng Motsoe**  
Coach



Martin Chatsworth

## U16E

**Regular players:** Daniel Askew, Phelele Cele, Wim Ebersöhn, Deepen Kooverjee (captain), Seko Maseko, Tshiamo Mashishi, Mbuyelo Mbokota, Ntando Mhlongo, Kgosi Modise, Ntando Nyabonda, Nthekgo Phasha, Sizwe Pwele, Dominic Richards, Tele Sitoyo, Jack Warwick, Ungweru Ziba

Although our 2022 season was filled with mixed results, the boys are commended for their dedication, perseverance, and willingness to learn and give their best. Throughout the season, the team worked hard on their fitness, hand-eye coordination, and ball-and-stick handling skills, and as the season progressed their improvement was noticeable both on and off the field.

Confidently captained by Deepen Kooverjee and Ntando Mhlongo, the team experienced their peak in play towards the latter half of the season; notably beating Maritzburg College 3-2 and St Charles 2-1. Throughout the season, the team demonstrated sportsman-like conduct and showed respect for their opponents. I am very proud of them for this.

They had two wins, one draw and four losses.

I commend the Grade 10s in our team for creating an environment in which everyone felt welcomed and encouraged. They led the team with honour and set an admirable example for the younger boys to follow. As a result, the unity amongst the boys was palpable and added to the enjoyment felt by all the players.

I hope the boys enjoyed their 2022 hockey season as much as I enjoyed coaching them.

**Lara Rogers**  
Coach

## U16F

**Regular players:** Phelele Cele (captain), Lyle Clubb, Fin Dalrymple, Jack Davenport, Daniel Friend, Ethan Hornby, Joshua Hurley, Tumisho Manaka, Tshiamo Mashishi, Josh McGhee, Mitchell McGhee, Mpumelelo Mhluli, Tumelo Moseitlhe, Thuto Phakisi, Richard Roxburgh, Thando Shongwe, Tele Sitoyo

The U16F enjoyed a very busy season of hockey and each player gave their all, playing to a Hilton College standard. The team enjoyed notable victories against Westville and St Charles. The rest of the fixtures were dotted with a draw or losses.

Of the eight games played, we won two, lost five and drew one.

The highlight of the season was the win against St Charles (6-0).

Thanks to Phelele Cele, who captained the side with excellence. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these young

men, each of them displaying true sportsmanship and a love for the game.

**Richard Garrett**  
*Coach*

## U14A

**Regular players:** *Ethan Aitken, James Aitken, John Gafney, Sechaba Gude, Tadi Hove, Lance Kitto, Sebastian Laudenberg, Khumo Lobelo, Kagiso Magasa, Andiswa Mahlase, Ethan Maltby, Atang Mphati, Francois Odendaal, Oyena Zulu, Wanga Zulu*

The team began the season with a tough pre-season. They worked incredibly hard on their fitness as well as their basic skills. The moment the seasons changed, they were nearly ready for what would be a tough and competitive few months.

The season began with a KZN top 10 festival hosted by St Charles College. This festival laid the platform for our tour to Maritzburg College, where we took part in the annual Nomads U14A festival. We would come up against some of the best hockey-playing schools in the country. During the actual season, we played some scintillating hockey and notched up some impressive wins and grinded out some tough draws. The highlight was a 1-0 win in the away game against Michaelhouse. We played with heart and determination in the last game of the season. I am very pleased with how we finished the season.

What was noteworthy about this team is how they defended and learned to fight for a win, draw or just a close loss. They won five of their games, lost seven and drew two.

I am very proud of their growth and development. Congratulations to the following players for making the



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KZN Inland U14A and B teams, as well as the KZN winter games team.

KZN Inland A: Sebastian Laudenberg, Ethan Maltby, Oyena Zulu, Wanga Zulu  
KZN Inland B: Tadi Hove, Lance Kitto, Khumo Lobelo  
Non-travelling reserve: Sechaba Gude  
KZN winter games: Sebastian Laudenberg

**Matthew Fairweather**  
*Coach*

## U14B

**Regular players:** *Joshua Chibwe, Daniel Christie, Daniel Evans, Liam Firth, John Gafney, Luke Holden, Christopher Lindsay, Zenande Mahlangu, Andiswa Mahlase, Matthew Mattison, Atang Mphati, Banele Phoswa, Kgosi Sekgobela, Luphelele Shange, Dante Sigei, Taji Sigei, Ralfe Wilmot*

Having been deprived of a full season of sport since 2019, it was a real treat to have a full fixture list and practise schedule again. The season started off on a very encouraging note with wins against Northwood and St Charles. Losses against Michaelhouse and Durban High School helped us to re-focus on our approach to the games. The next four matches were very close, all ending within a goal. The draw against Pretoria Boys was frustrating, especially following the long bus trip. We seemed to have many more circle entries and more of the possession, but were not able to capitalise on this, ending 1-1. The team played away to Maritzburg College, in the midday heat, but unfortunately went down 1-0 despite putting in a very impressive performance – perhaps the best display of the season. The following week saw the team beat Glenwood 3-2 after another pleasing display of good passing hockey.

The season was plagued by injuries and sickness throughout the second term. As can be seen from the list above, there were many boys who represented the team on a regular basis, and there were a further seven who played at least once or who came off the bench. A look back at one of the early team sheets showed that only three of those players were available to play in the final game. Unfortunately, that meant we struggled in the last couple of games. The match against Kearsney saw us start with 10 players (there were several very last-minute sicknesses!) until we could grab another player on his return from the C-team game, but only after half time. Although drawing 1-1 at half time, the effort of the first half caught up with us in the second half. The same happened against Michaelhouse in the final game, although this time with a full complement of players. In summary, we played 10 games, of which we won three, drew one and lost six.

This was a really enjoyable group of boys to work with. They approached their training with enthusiasm, and never asked for practices to end, even on the occasions when most or all other teams had ended. For Monday

practises, we regularly invited a few players from the C-team, who had impressed during their Saturday match, to join us. Several of these players ended up starting for the B-team at some point in the season.

Hockey is a great sport and I thoroughly enjoy coaching it. I do hope these boys will carry on playing it next year, when they join the ranks of the U16s. Thank you to the parents for your support throughout the season.

**Mike Green**  
Coach

## U14C

**Regular players:** *Lwanda Chitha, Nelwang Letsoalo, Nyiko Mabunda, Baile Makhakhe, Matthew Mattison, Karabelo Morojele (captain), Fanaka Mworira, Khayaletu Nouse, Stephen Pech, Karl Senanu, Taji Sigei, Kaelo Taukobong, Victor Viljoen*

The U14C's journey was one of excitement, energy, passion, and teamwork. There were numerous injuries and the team dynamic changed a lot during the season, but every member of the team played a vital role and held the team to incredibly high standards.

The season started with an impressive 6-1 win against Northwood. This was the start of what would be a tough journey. We knew we would face strong opposition and that we needed to play wholeheartedly and train as if we were playing a final every Saturday.

Over the season, we played nine matches, winning four, drawing four and losing one.

The highlight of the season was our 2-1 victory against Michaelhouse, where Nelwang Letsoalo scored an amazing one-on-one against the goalkeeper. The team gave 150% on the day. I was the proudest coach on the side lines, and it was a joy to watch our boys play like heroes against our fierce rivals.

It was an honour to coach these boys, who have all the makings of excellent hockey players. My hope is that they grow in their love of the game.

**Josh Holdt**  
Coach

## U14D

**Regular players:** *Samuel Bird, Fernando Ebineng, Nkosi Fuyana, Ty Kalayamotho, Amandla Khawe, Nelwang Letsoalo, Baile Makhakhe, Ofentse Mamojele, Akhumzi Mtshungwana, Khayaletu Nouse, Unami Nxasana*

For the first time in many years, we had enough players to field a D team at the start of the season. However, as expected, the number of available players declined, due to illness and injury in teams above. This resulted in having to make use of C-team players, on occasion, to ensure we have a full team.

A number of boys had never played hockey before, so the focus was to upskill each player as the season progressed, and to simply play and enjoy the game. Without exception, each boy made significant progress, and this will assist them next year in playing a better level of hockey.

The team played eight games, of which they won one game, and lost seven.

To all the players, well done for persevering and making sure that you played as a team, even though the results never went our way. I wish this group everything of the best as they continue their journey through school. Keep working hard. I will be watching your progress with interest.

**Francois Morgan**  
Coach



Jon Chantler



**Back Row:** Jack Warwick, Ronan Keogh, Robert James, Alex Hayward  
**Front Row:** Harry Jarvie, Angus Loughor-Clarke (captain), Mr Mike Green, PJ van der Walt, Stephen Pech

## Mountain Biking

**Regular Riders:** Alex Hayward, Robert James, Harry Jarvie, Ronan Keogh, Angus Loughor-Clarke (captain), Stephen Pech, PJ van der Walt, Jack Warwick

Not only was it a very enjoyable season, it was also a highly successful one. We had a dedicated group of eight boys, who were fit and consequently we were able to put in some decent distances in our training rides.

We tended to ride on the single tracks in the Hilton College plantations during the week, with a couple of outrides into the local plantations and also a ride onto the steep D494 ... which nobody seemed to relish! A lot of careful thought had gone into designing our new cycling top, which attracted some very positive attention. Thanks go to Ali Thomson for making this happen.

On a few occasions we cycled to the Cedara forests, as well as enjoying the excellent single-track paths in the forests next to Grace College. Stopping for refreshments at the newly opened coffee shop in the Avenues centre was a firm favourite with the boys. On weekends we cycled off the campus or competed in local races. We also spent a Saturday enjoying a lovely ride at the Karkloof Country

*Not only was it a very enjoyable season, it was also a highly successful one.*

Club on some of their new gravel tracks on neighbouring farms, offering fantastic vistas.

Our Interhouse MTB event was contested by three cyclists per house. Angus Loughor-Clarke won the event in 20:36, with Harry Jarvie 45 seconds behind, followed by Grant Bridgeford in the bronze position. Stephen Pech was the fastest junior rider, having an excellent race and finishing in fourth position.

A number of our boys competed at the Eston Race, with Ronan Keogh and PJ van der Walt riding competitively. Loughor-Clarke was placed 19th and Jarvie 25th in the 40km race. Pech raced home in fourth position in his age category in the 20km event. Other commendable results were Loughor-Clarke in the top 20 at the Kamberg race and Pech fourth in his age group in both the Scottburgh and Kamberg races.

Hopefully more boys will take part in the 2023 season.

**Mike Green**  
 MIC Mountain Biking



**Back Row:** Greg Braithwaite, Akhona Kunene, Matthew Emmott, Matthew Peters, Brian Thomson, Olufemi Oyeka  
**Middle Row:** Josh McGhee, Daniel Lyon, Liso Ngoqo, Kigen Chepkonga, Daniel Friend, Ayanda Ninela  
**Front Row:** Flynn Newell, Aman Wadhvani, Jaiden Wilde, Mr Ernie Steenkamp, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger, Taso Kruger, Justin Green

## Rowing

The Hilton College Boat Club has had a successful 2021-2022 season, despite being in a rebuilding phase. Six boys – Matthew Emmott, Matthew Peters, Brian Thomson, Greg Braithwaite, Daniel Lyon and Josh McGhee – earned their KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Colours, a testament to their hard work and dedication to the sport.

The club's quadruple scull won a gold medal at the Senior SA Championships, while the double scull team earned a silver medal. This is a great achievement for the club and the boys should be proud of their accomplishments.

In addition to their successes at the Senior SA Championships, the club also attended the BoatRace for the first time since 2013. The boys had a great experience rowing an eight and enjoyed the novel experience of competing in a different boat class.

My thanks go to Jaiden Wilde and Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger for their unwavering leadership throughout the year. Their guidance and support have been invaluable to the team.

Thanks also to Taso Kruger for his recruiting abilities. His efforts have helped to build a strong and talented team for the club.

The club is also deeply appreciative of the support from our parents. They are incredible “groupies” and we cannot operate without them. Their support and enthusiasm for the sport have been a driving force behind the club's success.

Despite the achievements of this past season, a lot of hard work lies ahead. However, the boys are up to the task, and we have high expectations for the upcoming season. With their hard work and dedication, we are confident they will continue to achieve great results.

In conclusion, the club has had a successful season. The boys have acquitted themselves well and achieved notable results. Thanks to all the coaches, parents, and team members for their contributions to the club's success. We look forward to another successful season.

**Ernie Steenkamp**  
 MIC Rowing

“Real athletes row. Everyone else just plays games.” - Unknown



#### 1st XV

**Row 4:** Christopher Roy, Akhona Kunene, Matthew Stewart, Jack Waterhouse, Thomas Haynes, Christopher Horak

**Row 3:** Zack van Niekerk, Ivan Lockem, Jonathan Horak, Ethan Bester, Yamkela Mkize, Jack Herman, RD Engelbrecht

**Row 2:** Bunono Jabavu, Ben Watt, Qhawe Soji, Oliver Lello, HJ Pienaar, Olwethu Kweyama

**Row 1:** Thomas Roy (vice-captain), Mr Greg Miller, Thomas Dyer (captain), Mr Brad Macleod-Henderson, Nicolas Snyman, Mr Cameron Fraser, Michal de Beer (vice-captain)

## Rugby

### Overview

With a celebration like the 150th comes great excitement and energy. But it can also produce a great deal of performance anxiety. In our 150th year, the Hilton College Rugby Club was a mix of both: great highs and a few lows during our winter season.

Our senior sides were magnificent and so well led by our 1st XV as they stormed their way through the opposition. This set the trend for their peers and our other senior sides in the open division, and we managed to produce some fantastic results. Our juniors, on the other hand, had a tougher time of things and although our A teams produced some sound results, the lower teams struggled to rise to the occasion.

Despite some of these disappointments, it was an opportunity to celebrate what happened out on the training field as well as on match day. Our matrices set a magnificent example of how to forcefully and tactically

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outwork the opposition. They showed amazing drive and will to succeed, and managed to pull off some great results in a very memorable year.

When your 1st team loses only one game, and four of your players make the SA Schools side while 12 players get into provincial teams and a number of others narrowly miss making it into a provincial team, it's proof that you have more than a few stars. What you have is a group of young men with a goal and a big dream and the passion to pursue these.

It truly was a great team effort this year, and not only did it galvanize the club, it also united the school after the Covid years. Saturday rugby fixtures were a highlight for parents, players, coaches and everyone involved.

We are blessed to have great coaching staff, including Springboks, Super Rugby coaches, provincial players and good old-fashioned teachers all adding value at every opportunity. Everyone worked hard and made a real difference out on the fields.

We were fortunate to add to our coaching complement Cameron Fraser, who fitted in so well at 2nd XV level, producing some great results with his side, while assisting Brad Macleod-Henderson so ably with the 1st XV backs.

Sadly, we lost Brad Anderson, who coached at all levels at Hilton College, from U14A up to the 1st XV. He added massive value to the club and will be sorely missed. A huge congrats to the following players for representing the Sharks at various times in the year.

Ethan Bester, Tom Dyer, Chris Roy, Nic Snyman, Qhawe Soji and Jack Waterhouse all made the Craven Week team, while RD Engelbrecht, Chris Horak, Bunono Jabavu and Akhona Kunene all made the Academy Week team.

Rounding off an amazing tournament, Bester, Dyer and Waterhouse were selected for the SA Schools team and Snyman made the SA A team.

As we prepare for the 2023 season and all that is in store for us, we look forward to the next chapter in Hilton College's story.

**Greg Miller**  
*Director of Rugby*

## 1st XV

**Regular players:** *Ethan Bester, Murray Brink, Michal de Beer, Thomas Dyer (captain), RD Engelbrecht, Tom Haynes, Jordan Hein, Jack Herman, Chris Horak, Jonathon Horak, Bunono Jabavu, Akhona Kunene, Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Ollie Lello, Yami Mkize, HJ Pienaar, Chris Roy, Tom Roy, Nic Snyman, Qhawe Soji, Matt Stewart, Zack van Niekerk, Jack Waterhouse, Benji Watt*

The 2022 1st XV rugby season began with great expectation, it being the school's 150th anniversary, and it was fantastic to see the boys rise to the occasion. The boys had a tough pre-season and as the shadow of Covid faded, they played their first game of the season against

Northwood at home. There was some trepidation in the air as Northwood were well-prepared having already had a full fixture. Hilton hit the ground running and a clever pop pass from our captain Tom Dyer to Tom Haynes got us on the scoreboard and Hilton didn't look back. Hilton's forwards and backs were both dominant with Michal de Beer scoring a hatrick in the centre and Jack Waterhouse intercepting the ball and running 50 metres to score. Nic Snyman showed that he wouldn't be stopped five metres out from the tryline and Benji Watt swatted three Northwood players on his way to the tryline. Hilton had the Black and White behind them and proved that they would be very difficult to stop, winning 54-5.

Our next fixture was up in Vryheid where we played Hoërskool Pionier in a rather one-sided match, which we won 55-0. It was perhaps a sign of things to come that all nine tries in the game got scored by different players, highlighting the talent in the team. After a three-week break, we met up at the St Johns festival in Johannesburg and started with a game against St Benedicts, where we showed our class in a 60-3 win, with Qhawe Soji playing his first game back from injury and Murray Brink scoring a brace of tries.

Next up was Welkom Gimnasium on a wet day. Our forwards rolled up their sleeves and got to work, starting with a 20-metre charge from Bunono Jabavu with Jonathon Horak on his back to score. This was followed up by five more forward tries and only one try to the backs. The final score was 48-3 to Hilton.

The last game of the festival was against Paarl Boys High, on a wet and muddy field. Knowing it would be intense, we made a few errors in the first half which probably cost us the game, which we lost 14-5.



The 2nd term began with a 64-3 win against St Charles. Soji led the way with a hat-trick of tries. Next up was the "big one" – the game against Michaelhouse, played over the 150th celebratory week. With the entire community behind us, we put in a quality performance. Bester crashed over early in the game after some direct work by the forwards. Ollie Lello was next on the scoreboard when he ripped the ball and ran 45 metres to score. In the second half, we stretched the lead further through great team tries by wings Soji and Zack van Niekerk and a set piece move by De Beer for a memorable 32-17 win. Next was Hilton's first away game of the domestic season against DHS. We were a bit flat after the high of the previous week and were under pressure for large periods of the game. With Bester in rampant form up front and HJ Pienaar controlling things at the back, we completed a 24-17 victory. This game was followed by a trip to Pretoria to play Pretoria Boys High, and with Dyer injured and De Beer taking over the captaincy, we earned a solid 22-7 victory. Tries were scored by Akhona Kunene, RD Engelbrecht and De Beer.

Next up was a home fixture against a strong Westville side who hadn't lost many games. The weather was awful, which probably suited us as the Hilton forwards tore into Westville. Chris Roy put in perfect box kicks, which were followed up by his brother Tom and De Beer chasing. We completely dominated the game – Matt Stewart scored two tries and Snyman ran over the top of a few Westville boys – earning an emphatic 40-0 victory.

When it came to the "Old Derby" against Maritzburg College, Hilton was unbeaten in KZN. It being College's Old Boys Day, Goldstones was packed to the rafters. Hilton had extra inspiration following the sudden and tragic loss of their fellow Hiltonian Oyisa Pupuma. Yami Mkize played without a number on his jersey in memory of Pupuma. The Hilton forwards again showed their class with Jabavu crashing over from close range and Waterhouse showing his space to score tries. There was also a clever read in defence from Zack Van Niekerk and we won 30-11.



Our next fixture was against a well-prepared Glenwood. We were under pressure for large periods of the game and a late penalty from Chris Horak just got us over the line 29-28. Our second-last game of the season and last game on Gilfillan was against Kearsney in a game that Hilton completely dominated 52-10, with Bester and Snyman both scoring a brace of tries.

As usual, our last game of the season was against Michaelhouse and we got off to a great start with Chris Horak kicking a 50-metre penalty. The rest of the half belonged to MHS as they pounded away at the Hilton line. We were clinical in scoring two quick tries via Waterhouse's pace and Snyman's power. The second half was similar to the first with Hilton's grit and determination being put to the test. Late in the game Olwethu Kweyama finished off a beautiful try and we prevailed 30-22 in a game where Hilton had to soak up heaps of pressure and dig deep into their energy reserves.

This brought the curtain down on a truly remarkable 150th season where Hilton managed to win all their KZN games, and their only loss was to Paarl Boys High. The boys had a strong bond and demonstrated loads of commitment. When you combine this with a very strong leadership group led by Dyer and vice-captains Tom Roy and De Beer, they were very difficult to break down. I wish all the boys the best for their futures and if they continue to work hard, they can achieve some great things. I would like to thank the wider Hilton College rugby community for all their support and hard work in the background in making this such a great season, and particularly the boys for making such special memories for everyone. In the June/July holidays, Hilton took a predominantly "stayers" team to St Andrews in Grahamstown where we managed to get over local sides Graeme College and St Andrews College and fell just short to St Albans.

**Ethan Bester:** Ethan never took a step back and was at the front of Hilton's defensive and attacking efforts. He is a talented athlete and used this athleticism to score seven tries, but I am sure his team mates always preferred him bashing people, which he did lots of. If he continues to work on his lineout throwing, he can go a long way in rugby. He was rewarded with selection to the SA Schools side.

**Murray Brink:** Muzza always gave of his best when he came on and managed to score three tries for the team. His energy and enthusiasm were of the top order. He is someone that we are expecting big things of in 2023.

**Michal de Beer:** Mic was also the team's vice-captain and he always put the team first. He is a talented and intelligent rugby player who ran good lines and got through a mountain of work for the team. His strong defensive combination with Tom Roy in the center's lead to the side only conceding 15 tries in 14 games. Michal was also the leading try scorer with eight tries.

**Thomas Dyer:** Tom was the team's captain, and he did an outstanding job both on and off the field where his passion always shone through. He was fortunate to follow in his dad's footsteps in playing in the white no 8 jersey



Martin Ashworth



and captaining the side. He was a brilliant ball carrier scoring five tries and always leading from the front. He was rewarded with selection to the SA Schools side who he also ended up captaining.

**RD Engelbrecht:** RD is a powerful athlete who has the ability to play both centre and wing. He trains really hard and if his communication continues to improve, we are expecting big things of him in 2023. He was rewarded with selection for the KZN Academy team.

**Tom Haynes:** Hayno scored a brilliant try for the team against Northwood and was always direct and confrontational for the team. He unfortunately got injured during the season.

**Jordan Hein:** Jordan always made sure that our scrum was solid and that our maul functioned well. He needs to continue to work on his conditioning and we are expecting big things of him in 2023.

**Jack Herman:** Jack was a super solid trooper who was happy to do the dirty work for the team. He always gave of his best and I am sure that he will remember his try against Welkom Gim for a long time.

**Chris Horak:** Chris has a great rugby brain, loads of passion and a winning mentality. His boot controlled things brilliantly for the team and he never shirked his role in defense. I know the whole team is still very grateful for his late penalty kick against Glenwood. He is a player that we are expecting big things of in 2023. He was rewarded with selection for the KZN Academy team.

**Jonathon Horak:** Jono did an exceptional amount of work for the team and was vital in keeping the energy levels up. He unfortunately got injured in the season.

**Bunono Jabavu:** Bunono was a revelation for the team with his strong personality matching his strong pick-and-goes. He unfortunately got injured in the second Hilton/MHS but I am sure his tries against Welkom Gim and College will live with him for a long time. He is someone whose on-field and off-field influence will be crucial for the side in 2023. He was rewarded with selection for the KZN Academy team.

**Akhona Kunene:** Akhona is a great ball carrier and he always put the team on the front foot. I am sure that he will remember his try against Pretoria Boys High for a long

time. He needs to continue to try and get more involvements in the game and we are expecting big things in 2023 from him. He was rewarded with selection for the KZN Academy team.

**Olwethu Kweyama:** Olwethu played on the wing and always gave of his best. He also played a part in ensuring that the boys were focused and gave of their best. He scored three tries for the team including a crucial try in the 2nd Hilton v MHS game.

**Ivan Lockem:** Ivan is a very talented player with the ability to play anywhere in the backline. He was always a threat on attack, and in defence never shied away from his responsibilities. We are expecting big things from him in 2023.

**Ollie Lello:** Ollie had the privilege of following his two brothers in wearing the Hilton no 6 jersey and he dominated the breakdown, like all good 6s do. He was arguably Hilton's best player in the games at home against MHS and away against College. I am sure that he will remember his try against MHS for a very long time.

**Yami Mkize:** Yami was a popular member of the team doing a lot of the dirty work and motivating his friends behind the scenes. He was crucial to the success of our maul and wasn't shy to run into a brick wall for his team. I know he, in particular, loved the wins over MHS.

**HJ Pienaar:** HJ was the team's fullback and he used his left boot to great effect for the team. He also had a useful swerve that often fooled defenders in attack. His positional play was always of the top order, especially in our game against DHS.

**Chris Roy:** Chris had only played three games as a scrumhalf before the start of the season, however, with his work ethic, bravery and brains it made him the perfect 9 for the team. His box kicks were arguably the best in the country and his decision-making and commitment in defense was spot on. He was rewarded with selection to the KZN Craven week side.

**Tom Roy:** Tom was the team's vice-captain and did an outstanding job in always ensuring that the boy's energy and work rate were at the level that was required. He was brilliant in our kick chase using his strong communication skills and work rate to benefit the team. He was also very

useful at the breakdown often acting as a fourth loose forward.

**Nic Snyman:** “Big Nic” was the rock around which our pack was built. He has great hands, lots of pace and an ability to cut attackers in half. Nic scored seven tries for the side, a large proportion of those coming off a particular move that he used to perfection. I wish him all the best for his rugby future and remind him to use fire and ice. He was rewarded with selection to the SA Schools side.

**Qhawe Soji:** Soji is a very talented rugby player who has hands, feet and a desire to win. He missed a few games due to injury but still managed to be the leading try scorer with eight tries, including a hatrick against St Charles. He was rewarded with selection to the KZN Craven week side.

**Matt Stewart:** Stewie was the glue in the pack where he was happy to do all the unglamorous work, like hitting rucks, chasing kicks, making tackles and supporting players, all of which often goes unseen. I am sure that his two tries against Westville will live with him for a long time and he will be a vital part of the 2023 team.

**Zack van Niekerk:** Zack made the move to wing this year and with his pace and work rate he was a huge success. The boys really enjoyed his “hit” in defense against Paarl. Zack scored five tries for the team, including very valuable tries against MHS at home and against College.

**Jack Waterhouse:** Jack made the move to lock from wing a year earlier and I don't think that anyone could have dreamed that the move would be so successful. Jack dominated the lineout and kick offs and used his phenomenal pace to score five tries and make heaps of tackles. His teammates gave him the great accolade in voting him as their “Golden Boots” winner, awarded to the most valuable member of the 1st XV. He was rewarded with selection to the SA Schools side.

**Benji Watt:** Benji was a tough nuggety 9 who never shied

away from anything. His box kick was also of the highest standard and he scored a great try against Northwood where he swatted three defenders on his way to the tryline.

**Brad Macleod-Henderson**

*Coach*

## 2nd XV

**Regular players:** *Murray Brink, Reece du Toit, RD Engelbrecht, Michael Fox, Mihle Gazi, Tom Haynes, Jordan Hein, Jack Herman, Akhona Kunene, Olwethu Kweyama, Ivan Lockem, Xola Makongolo, Ruben Marx, Matt Peters, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger, Luke Rowe, Stef Swart, Benjamin Watt (captain), Luke Watt*

A gruelling preseason started at the end of 2021 for team members of the Hoop and Badge. A rigorous training schedule and a demanding training camp prepared the 2nd XV mentally and physically for what would be a taxing yet very rewarding season.

Our first fixture was against Northwood at home in the 1st term. It was obvious that the boys had a particular hunger for their first match, especially considering how Covid impacted the previous two seasons. The boys combined well, and clinical interplay between backs and forwards secured many tries for us. Akhona Kunene and Ivan Lockem ran incisively, and the Hilton maul was working with great synergy on the day. Hilton ran out victors, beating Northwood quite comfortably 34-10. The first clash in the second term was against our traditional independent school rivals St Charles. Xola Makongolo showed he has some stardust in his boots and finished a great try from broken play. RD Engelbrecht also powered through the opposition on several occasions to



add points to the overall tally. This match turned out to be a one-sided affair with Hilton running rampant, implementing sound tactics to eventually muster a score of 50-3.

After the holidays there was a festive vibe in the atmosphere with the 150th celebrations hosted at Hilton on the first weekend of the second term. The festivities were celebrated with a full round of fixtures against old foe Michaelhouse. Two crucial early injuries in this game clearly rattled our boys and they appeared to be mentally out of sorts. Michaelhouse managed to beat us narrowly, 14-8.

The following week an extremely hyped-up DHS 2nd team were the challengers, but their physicality and speed couldn't match the tactical brilliance exerted by us on the day. An immense defensive effort secured the victory for us with a score of 13-0. Luke Rowe and Stef Swart were absolute stalwarts on defense in this game. Matt Peters had the lion's share of possession during lineout time and proved to be a fantastic aerial asset to the team.

In Pretoria, the team executed the gameplan marvellously against Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) and some spectacular tries all scored by the wingers, Zukhanye Fatyi and Tayedza Jaravaza, were racked up in this encounter. The final whistle saw Hilton College vanquishing PBHS by 27 points to 5.

A cold, drenched and muddy Gilfillan played host to Hilton vs Westville. In the 1st half our team was bullied by a very spirited and brutal Westville pack of forwards. Fortunately, our boys used their astute tactical kicking more accurately in the 2nd half and played in the right areas to exploit the Westville defense. Jack Herman and Murray Brink proved that they were competent close-quarter combat specialists, and both scored short-range tries to secure a more comfortable score line for the hosts. Numerous scrum penalties were won by Jordan Hein, who gave his opposite number a continuous uphill climb. Captain and scrumhalf Ben Watt shortly thereafter slotted a crucial penalty to put the game beyond Westville's reach. Hilton

*Xolo Makongolo showed he has some stardust in this boots.*



College were triumphant in this hard-fought battle and pipped the opposition by 17 points to 7.

A week later we came up against Maritzburg College. Tensions were flaring in this game as it was College's Reunion Day. Despite a few late withdrawals due to injury, the Hilton men went hammer and tongs. Kunene and Tom Haynes once again displayed their physicality in this game and both players were very direct when crossing the whitewash in the 1st half. Luke Watt intercepted the ball in the last play of the game and topped off a great performance for the team. Overall, we managed possession in the opposition 22-metre area exceptionally well and continuously converted pressure into points for a 28-17 victory on the opposition's hallowed field.

A gritty battle ensued the following week as the team faced a robust Glenwood outfit on Gilfillan. Aggressive attempts at securing field position in the opposition half resulted in many counter attacks being launched by the boys from Hilton. Many of which were successful. Reece du Toit proved that he was a resolute impact defender and made himself an established member of the team in this fixture. Sound game management and strategic territorial control resulted in us securing a comfortable 19-0 conquest of the team from Umbilo.

In the penultimate game of the season, our team displayed a tactical masterclass against Kearsney on Gilfillan. Kweyama put the finishing touches to a fabulous team try and Michael Fox had a blinder on the ground, who secured a host of turnovers for his team. Notwithstanding the boys from Botha's Hill's best efforts, we managed to walk away with a 28-3 victory.

A clear, dry, mild winter's day set the scene for the final match of the season between Hilton and Michaelhouse on



Justin Waldman

Meadows. The only game Hilton lost so far during the season was the first-round skirmish against the boys from Balgowan. This time, the 2nd XV had other ideas. They trusted their gameplan and defended tigerishly. Some spectacular set piece plays were strung together, and Hilton made sure that the scoreboard was continuously ticking over. A sneaky grubber kick by Luke Watt was fervently chased down by Lockem to score the first try for Hilton. Ben Watt then crashed over the try line after taking a quick tap when a penalty was awarded. Kweyama showed surgical precision when he finished another well-worked try. Engelbrecht put the game beyond any doubt with an intercept try against the run of play.

The 28-7 win against Michaelhouse buffed a special shine to the 2022 season in which the Hilton 2nd XV managed to beat every team they played.

A special feature of this team was their collective desire to succeed and their unrelenting need to improve. Winning nine out of their 10 games and playing an enterprising brand of rugby is what they will be remembered for. Praise must go to Ben Watt for the way he led the team. Every player was held accountable to a very high standard and to giving their best in every situation.

Congratulations to RD Engelbrecht and Akhona Kunene for making the U18 Sharks Schools Academy side.

**Cameron Fraser**  
*Coach*

### 3rd XV

**Regular players:** Jason Dix, Zukhanye Fatyi, Mihle Gazi, Ashton Haslam (captain), Tayedza Jaravaza, Kieran Kilmartin (captain), Caine Letschert, Keitshupile Makola, Ruben Marx, Connor McCabe, Cole McLaggan, Teboho Pakkies, Amogelang Phuduhudu-Kruger, Bataung Ramolefe, Christopher Wanless, Luke Warren, Matthew Wilson, Scott Winskill, Connor Woods

With the promise of a full 150th post-Covid season ahead, the 3rd XV of 2022 got down to working hard at training sessions from the outset. This tenacious mindset was to become a trademark of the season and in no small part led to some outstanding performances on the field. The season kicked off with a training camp and at the end of the first week of practices the early indications were that this was a group of talented players. After comfortably seeing off Northwood in their first fixture, many of these players were given an opportunity to play in a 2nd Team tournament at Glenwood at the start of the holidays. The tournament was a great success, not only in terms of results but also the exposure these players received playing at such a high level. A special thank you goes out to Mr Greg Millar and Mr Paul Venter for coaching and managing the side during this tournament. This set the bar high for the season ahead and already players were putting up their hands to be noticed and ultimately gain selection for the 3rd XV.

The 2022 season continued after the holidays, and we were straight back into the competitive fold and winning ways. The team's winning streak came to an end, however, when we lost in a lack lustre performance against DHS in Durban. We had several personnel changes during the week and for once in the season the team couldn't rally together. The numerous changes and a lack of momentum ultimately led to our only defeat of the season. This was to be our one and only lapse and the next week we bounced back to our winning ways. This continued through to the end of the season and the stats show that this was no ordinary set of performances.

A set of results of this nature doesn't come around every season and credit must be given to the players where credit is due. The levels of commitment at practises and tenacity during matches was among the best I have encountered in my years of coaching at this level at Hilton College. It did help that this squad of players possessed a

high level of skill, but this doesn't always get you over the line. You still have to gel, work hard at set pieces, develop your game plan and create a winning mentality among the players. The environment that enabled these players to realise this level of success was awesome and was created in large part by the players themselves. However, the energy and expertise of Mr Miller and the eccentricity of Mr Venter added to the mix.

This all seemed to culminate in one of our best performances of the season when we took on arch-rivals Michaelhouse in our final game of the season. With all the hype of the day and off the back of a 4th XV turnaround win, I thought we were up against it. A motivated and physically bigger Michaelhouse team launched a brutal onslaught against us, and I was nervous that we would wilt in the face of such adversity. The players themselves never doubted their ability and simply absorbed it until we were able to turn defence into attack. Having spoken a lot, during the season, about absorbing pressure, trusting our systems, closing space and ultimately being patient, our boys were able to back themselves and they played themselves back into the game and ultimately won comfortably.

With Ashton Haslam captaining the side before relinquishing this to Kieran Kilmartin, due to injury, the team had leaders who managed to bring out the best in their players. They set a high standard and held the players accountable. Our mantra for the season was to make memories and I hope this was the case for the matrics and that while the Grade 11s still have next year, they too can reflect on a memorable season. In closing, I would like to wish the matrics all the best as they pursue their careers outside the McKenzie gates and to wish the younger players in the team all the best for next year.

**Brad Anderson**  
Coach

#### 4th XV

**Regular players:** *Greg Braithwaite, Siya Buthelezi, Michael Capes, Matt Dahl (captain), Matipa Denenga, Oli Gaboreau, Cameron Gray, Jack Hampson, Daniel Hathorn, Onke Kweyama, Thabelo Letjama, Rourke Luscombe, Dean*

*Macleod-Henderson, Liso Ngoqo, Kediretse Mbaakanyi, Declan Sawyer, Chris Wanless, Adam Wesselink, Matt Wilson*

From the very first practice of the 2022 season, it was obvious that the 4th XV possessed the potential to deliver something special during the winter months. The squad was a combination of talent and passion but, more importantly, the players, from the outset, showed a willingness to learn and develop as a team.

After a training camp and a comfortable victory against Northwood, a number of players served on the 3rd XV tour to the Glenwood festival. Playing 1st XV teams from various parts of the country proved to be an invaluable experience.

As the second term began the side was privileged to host and beat the 1st XV of Howick High School. Unfortunately nerves and the enormity of the occasion of the 150th anniversary celebrations proved to be the side's undoing as they went down narrowly to Michaelhouse. What followed was a trip to Pretoria Boys High School and a match that can be considered the team's finest hour. With grit and determination, they halted wave after wave of opposition attacks and the final whistle saw an outpouring of joy. The only other defeat was against Maritzburg College on the hallowed Goldstone's field. The season ended with the side producing a remarkable second-half comeback against Michaelhouse, scoring 24 unanswered points to emerge 27-12 victors.

After an unfortunate injury to Siya Buthelezi, Matthew Dahl took over the captaincy. He led with bravery and distinction and his intelligence at fly half proved to be a key component of the side's success. The other matrics were wonderful ambassadors for the game and their school, and they all played a part in creating great memories. The Grade 11s showed that in many cases higher honours awaits them on Gilfillan next year.

A massive vote of thanks is owed to our Director of Rugby, Greg Miller, who spent so much time with the squad and who continues to nurture a wonderful spirit in the club. Andrew Duncan also gave much of his time to tweaking our line-outs. Finally, I have known Brad Anderson for 30



years and have coached with him since 2016. He is a legendary school master, an exceptional coach, and a loyal friend. Hilton College rugby owes him so very much and it was the greatest privilege to coach alongside him.

**Paul Venter**  
Coach

## 5th XV

**Regular players:** *Greg Braithwaite, Jon Braithwaite, Michael Capes, Jonathan Ferguson (captain), Matthew Hayes, Oliver Joyner, Ben Kok, Taso Kruger, Angus Loughor-Clarke, Rourke Luscombe, Minenhle Makhathini, Mophethe Malie, Andile Matsa, Liso Ngoqo, Casey Nicholson, Oyisa Pupuma, Matthew Sara, Lwenziwe Sibiyi, Nic Thorburn, Caleb Vandayar, Adam Wesselink*

The team had a good start to the season with wins against Northwood and St Charles College 3rd team. In a tightly contested match, they drew against Michaelhouse on the 150th celebratory weekend.

The team redeemed themselves again against Durban High School scoring 24-0. In the match against Pretoria Boys High School, the team reached a low point and failed to execute our game plan, resulting in a disappointing loss. True to the character of the boys, they bounced back again to beat Westville in, what can only be described as Arctic conditions. As per usual, Maritzburg College was always going to be our strongest opponents and we lost in a hard-fought match.

Once again, the team led by Jonathan Ferguson made a comeback with victories against Kearsney College and Glenwood College. Unfortunately, a victory was not on the



cards in our last match of the season against Michaelhouse.

The 2022 rugby season has been one of my best seasons. With our team changing week by week due to changes in higher teams, all the boys who came in fitted in perfectly and contributed to a hugely successful season. In summary, the team played 10 matches, of which they won six, lost three and drew one.

A successful season is not just about the wins. It's more about players growing in character and developing skills. With this as a measure, every boy who has been part of this squad, played a role in helping to develop character and skills of their teammates.

It was my privilege to coach this group of young men and I thank them for the impact that they have had on me.

**De Wet Wentzel**  
Coach

## 6th XV

**Regular players:** *Troy Bryson, Noah Coffey, William Ellis, Emeka Ezenwugo, Henry Fawcett, Tristan Hockly, Oliver Joyner, Tawanda Kugotsi, Olwethu Mbala, Nkosi Msiza, Jason Muir, Chisha Mulenga, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Xavier Rey, Reneiloe Seopa, Ross Short, Oluhle Thwala, Caleb Venter*

The season began with intense matches from which the squads were picked for the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th teams. The coaches worked hard to build match fitness in the players and to improve their skills.

The season opener came sooner than anyone anticipated, but the boys were ready and flung themselves wholeheartedly at the opposition. The opposition being College, one of our old rivals. And though we lost our first outing, the heart and determination showed was a source of great encouragement for the rest of the season. The team played nine matches, of which they lost six and won three.

The players grew in skill and stature throughout the season and showed the kind of spirit any coach would be proud of.

**Jaco van Dyk**  
Coach

## 7th XV

**Regular players:** *Troy Bryson, William Ellis, Justin Green, Tristan Hockly, Adolf Luderitz, Nathi Makola, Caleb McDonald, Campbell McKenzie, Khanya Mhlongo, Siya Mpofo, Flynn Newell, Joaquim Ozoux, Tom Peattie, Xavier Rey, Reneiloe Seopa, Bandile Shabalala, Olwakhe Shezi, Roelf van der Merwe*

It was a delayed start to the season for the lower open teams as Northwood could not match our numbers in the opening fixture at the end of the 1st term. Our first match

was, therefore, at the start of the 2nd term, an encounter in which we were scheduled to play St Charles' 4th XV which was always going to be a challenging stagger. This was an enthralling match in which we started the better side, scoring two quick tries, but credit to St Charles for fighting back to win narrowly 22-17.

The highlight of our season was our home match against Michaelhouse over our 150th celebratory weekend. Such was the excitement for this match we had the luxury of a full squad to choose from and talented players at that. It was clear from the outset that we were the stronger team, running away to a 19-5 lead in the first half. Michaelhouse didn't give up though, and whilst our dominance of territory and possession continued, we found it harder to score in the second half. In the end we won this game 24-5.

Another exciting match was our encounter against Pretoria Boys High School (PBHS) in Pretoria. The PBHS team was a well-drilled outfit who were up for a physical contest. Although they put us under territorial pressure for much of the game, we did excellently to take our opportunities when they presented themselves; coming from behind in the second half to lead 21-19. An unfortunate turnover of possession late in the game, however, saw PBHS score in extra time to clinch the victory 24-21.

In summary, we played six games, winning one and losing five.

I am proud of the players in the squad who dedicated themselves to attending training and to matches. These boys were the spine of the team and did their school proud in the way that they represented their school.

**Tony Shuttleworth**  
Coach

## 8th XV

**Regular players:** Oscar Bredenkamp, James Campbell, Victor Compton, Hlumelo Conjwa, Justin Green, Tristan Hockly, Robert James, Tawanda Kugotsi, Khumo Kwakwa, Travis Lord, Nathi Makola, Caleb McDonald, Campbell McKenzie, Khanya Mhlongo, Risimati Mkhabela, Ntuma Moagi, Flynn Newell, Six Nyangiwe, Joaquim Ozoux, Tom Peattie, Noah Ravalomanana, Bandile Shabalala, Olwakhe Shezi, Vhuthihi Siwada, PJ van der Walt

Hilton College's ability to field eight rugby teams came with both positive and negative aspects. Firstly, it meant we had an incredibly talented squad that could punch well above its weight, as it were. The challenge was finding fixtures as not too many other schools could match an 8th XV. As such, our game-time for the season was restricted. It was a tough opening fixture for us against Maritzburg College. Although we played well and held our own initially, our lack of match-fitness was evident and we lost our way somewhat. The following weekend was the much-anticipated match against Michaelhouse in our 150th year. The atmosphere was electric and, buoyed by the occasion, we were simply too strong for our rivals. We dominated all facets of the game and ultimately secured a 33-0 victory. Our final fixture was a tour match against Pretoria Boys High School: we started well and deservedly led at half-time, but the long journey and altitude seemingly took its toll as we relinquished the lead with five minutes to go, losing 14-12.

Despite the limited game-time afforded to the team, the players seemed to enjoy the season, with practices revealing smiling faces and good-natured banter.

**Craig Wilkinson**  
Coach

## U16A

**Regular players:** Ross Brown, Rowan Cox, Richard Eyres, James Fender, Jude Greg, Khanya Jekwa, Ivan Jjuuku (vice-



*captain), Ben le Roux, Meyer Malherbe, Oliver Mattison, Ethan McCabe, James McGregor, Dylan Niell, Hanu Pieterse (captain), Oliver Proudfoot, Amahle Seima, Daniel Sweeney, Ethan van Heerden, Christopher Wagner, Jack Weavind, Mitchel Wilson*

Emerging from the pandemic, the 2022 rugby season was set to be a challenging one for the U16s. They were the age group most adversely affected by the absence of rugby in the formative years of grades 8 and 9.

Furthermore, the lack of an adequate pre-season was to their disadvantage. Physically, the boys struggled to keep up with the demands of rugby at this level, and we couldn't select a strong starting team for any of our 14 fixtures due to players being unavailable.

From the onset, it was our goal to upskill the boys and to develop their rugby IQ. Looking back, we achieved this for the most part. We saw major improvements in individuals and the team. Yet, this wasn't always evident in our matches; of the 14, we won seven and lost seven.

We suffered heavy defeats in games against Durban High School (0-74) and Kearsney College (0-52). We could not, tactically and physically, deal with the pace of the opposition. Our team's weakness was exposed when the opposition opted to attack in the wider channels.

On the contrary, in the losses to the highly rated sides of Northwood (0-31), Afrikaans Hoër Seunskool (5-24), Michaelhouse (7-19, 10-33) and Maritzburg College (14-36) the boys fought with immense grit and determination, and they could walk off the field in these matches with their heads held high, knowing that they performed to the best of their ability. In particular, the matches against Affies and Maritzburg College, highlighted that the team could compete with two of the better sides in the country. We celebrated good wins over Hoërskool Pionier (38-5), St Benedicts College (24-9), St Davids Marist Inanda (13-6), St Charles College (19-14), Pretoria Boys High School (24-12), Westville Boys High School (15-7) and Glenwood High School (20-17). Most noteworthy, the victory over



Glenwood was a special occasion as the last time these two teams officially met, it led to a devastating loss by more than 50 points for the Hilton College boys in 2020, just as the pandemic stopped the regular season. The win against Pretoria Boys High School was memorable as the team showed immense character to rise from the previous week's drubbing against DHS to deliver a stellar performance.

I have no doubt that this group has what it takes to prevail when it is their turn to wear the "White". Until such time, every player will need to invest time in refining his skills and physical attributes. This season laid an important relational foundation, and the benefits will be seen in years to come.

My heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone involved in this season. To Mr Greg Miller, our Director of Rugby, your unwavering support and guidance throughout the season is greatly valued. To the assistant coaches, Mr Jason Wulfson and Mr Mike Werth, your contribution and dedication to the team ensured that the boys could develop and grow throughout the season. Our top-notch medical team ensured that our boys are well taken care of. Our parents supported the team from start to finish. It was a privilege getting to know you and walking this journey with you. To the boys, well done for remaining committed throughout the season and for trusting the process. I know this season's many laughs and tears will be the springboard for future success in rugby and in life.

**Burger Nel**  
*Coach*

## U16B

**Regular players:** *Byron Chandler, Rowan Cox, Natenzi Denenga, Richard Eyres, Sebastien Gaboreau, Thomas Harilou, Daniel Lyon, Retief Malherbe, Siya Maphumulo, Oliver Mattison, James McGregor, Ntando Ngcobo, Qhama Ngwenya, Akani Nxumalo, Didier Rey, Etienne Smith, Chris Snijman, Luke Spear, Kingsley Thompson, Jared Wilson*

The season was indeed one of great learning and improvement. Not only were skills improved upon, but the understanding and the intricacies of the game and positions were greatly enhanced. After a two-year absence of playing and practicing the boys were in for a huge learning curve. The results were not what the team had wanted (we lost nine of our 10 matches), but the lessons learnt were invaluable.

Practises were not easy as there were several disruptions due to injury and illness, both higher up and within the team, leading to many boys having to learn new positions in very little time. This is not a bad thing as it has added to the skill base of players, and this will stand them in good stead as they move into the senior ranks.

What really impressed me was the willingness of the boys to learn from mistakes and their honesty both on and off the field.

A special thanks to Mr Burger Nel and Mr Jason Wulfsohn for their input and patience at practises and parents who supported the boys during the season.

**Michael Werth**  
Coach

## U16C

**Regular players:** Troy Bailey (captain), Neil Bararugurika, William Chien, Travis de Bruyn, Natenzi Denenga, Siba Dlamini, Ben Ferguson, Connor Jerome, Karabo Lephema, Siya Maphumulo, Dzuni Mboweni, Nghwazi Mkansi, AbuBakr Mussa, Shailen Naidoo, Thamsanqa Ncube, Ntando Ngcobo, Qhama Ngwenya, Brendan Nieuwstad, Namisi Opai-Tetteh, Sean Ritchie, Charlie Short, Sabelo Skosana, Etienne Smith, Luke Spear, Sung So, Chad Swanepoel, Miguel Teixeira, Jake van Zuydam, Yu Lie Wang, Nicholas Yu

It was a pleasure to coach the U16C side in the 2022 winter sports season. For this age group, it was the first full rugby season these young men had experienced at Hilton, after the pandemic put a halt to sport. The boys were excited to showcase their skills and compete once again.

Some fond memories include a thrilling encounter in Pretoria where a heroic defensive effort by the entire team, coupled with a showcase of kicking talent from Travis de Bruyn, managed to secure a well-deserved 21-10 win over the spirited Pretoria Boys High School's U16C team.

Defence was a theme throughout our season with the Westville fixture being an ideal example of the courage displayed in this team. With wet and cold weather forecasted throughout the entire matchday, the Hilton

*Some fond memories include a thrilling encounter in Pretoria...*

boys felt right at home in the misty and muddy conditions. After 50 minutes of tightly contested rugby, a late try in the corner secured victory for Hilton in a memorable 5-0 win. Of the 10 games played, we won four and lost six.

Thank you to Mr Jason Sileno, Mr Sanele Bhungane and Mr Kuthula Ntshontsho for the guidance, passion and knowledge imparted to this group of young Hiltonians. I'm excited to see what lies ahead for this talented group of rugby players.

**Cameron Wiid**  
Coach

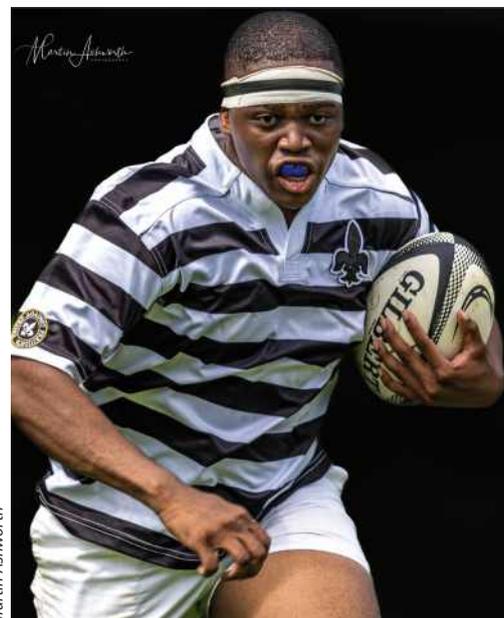
## U16D

**Regular players:** Neil Bararugurika, William Chien, Siba Dlamini, Marc Isabelle, Sean Kamau, Dzuni Mboweni, Siyanda McClain, Zipho Mpofo, AbuBakr Musa, Shailan Naidoo, Thamsanqa Ncube, Brenden Nieuwstad, Olufemi Oyeka, Sabelo Skosana, Sung So, Miguel Teixeira, Nicholas Yu

The U16D team had a wonderful pair of matches, handling themselves in a truly Hiltonian manner. The team began the season with robust and demanding practise sessions. They were able to work on their fitness as well as their basic skills.

The growth seen in this time was staggering, with all the boys showing total commitment at these sessions. When matches finally rolled around, the players did not disappoint as they all displayed enthusiasm and courage. In their first match, against a very strong Michaelhouse team, they powered through to a 5-5 draw. Outstanding performers in the match were made by Zipho Mpofo and Brendan Nieuwstad.

Match day against Pretoria Boys High School dawned full of anticipation and, once again, the Hilton boys did not disappoint as they put the expected effort in all areas of the game. They unfortunately lost that match by 20 points. The outstanding player in the match was Sean Kamau.



Martin Ashworth



Martin Ashworth

After their two matches, most players were promoted to higher teams.

The contribution of fellow coaches Mr Cameron Wiid and Mr Jason Sileno was invaluable and made for an enjoyable season for these young men.

### Kuthula Ntshontsho

*Coach*

#### U15A

**Regular players:** *Andre Boshoff, Luke Campbell, Trent Chubb, Langa Dlamini, Morne Engelbrecht, Stuart Falconer, Joshua Grant, Jack Guye, Ben Hockley, Chris Johnson, Joshua Kok, Joshua Lord, Khazimla Makali, Lesedi Mangwale, Kego Maseko, Ewan Miskin, Liyema Nela, James Ogilby, Jacques Olivier, Thomas Taylor*

What a privilege it was to coach this group of young men. Right from the beginning, we outlined a set of attainable goals and team values to set us up for the season. Overall, it was a great success.

Our first match against Northwood was incredible. We fought from 21 points to nil down and snatched a 21-21 draw at the death. Thomas Taylor, Joshua Kok and Khazimla Makali scored tries, all converted by Liyema Nela. This laid the tenacious foundation for us to build on. During the holidays, we toured to Glenwood, where we won all three of our games. Much-needed team bonding and fine-tuning of our strategies took place over the course of the week.

Term two began at Hilton, and convincing victories over Michaelhouse and St Charles followed. Nela's accurate kicking display always kept us ahead on the scoreboard. At this stage, five games into the season, we were unbeaten. However, we would come unstuck against DHS away. We bounced back brilliantly from the loss to the Durban team



Jon Chantler

with a convincing victory against Pretoria Boys High School. Morné Engelbrecht slicing through the line and cantering under the poles from a set piece was an indication of the control we would have on the day in the highveld.

Losses to Westville and Maritzburg College followed the Pretoria game. However, once again, the character of the team was highlighted as we bounced back nicely with victories over Glenwood and Kearsney.

In summary, we played 13 games, winning eight, losing four and drawing one.



Jon Chantler

Special thanks to Mr Greg Miller, Mr Lwazi Mvovo and Mr Siphoniwa for their coaching contributions throughout the season.

**Andrew Duncan**  
Coach

## U15B

**Regular players:** Griffin Barnes, Luke Campbell, James Dent, Langa Dlamini, Ben Erasmus, Charles Fawcett, Mitchel Garreau, Jack Guye, Kieran Janse van Rensburg, Bryce Johnson, Chris Johnson, Kego Maseko, Christopher Morrison, Ndalo Ngewu, Tino Nyabonda, Alex Pitman, Ndabenhle Sithole, Rupert Wright

The season was a bit of a roller coaster ride. While the team appeared to be ready and keen to be back on the field, there was a distinct lack of ambition in the boys. Players seemed comfortable being in the B side, showing no aspirations to progress to the A team. There are consequences for the entire age group when there is no pressure on the boys in the A team to keep playing well. After a string of losses, a number of players were dropped from the B side, while others were given a warning. Two players from the C side, who had shown great potential, were pulled into the team. A strong message needed to go out that no one is above the team.

Slowly a culture of healthy competition began to take root in the team. In practise sessions, we focused a lot on fitness, and each time I kept pushing the boundaries to make the players mentally strong.

It was lovely when we finally got our second win of the season. When the referee blew that final whistle, it felt like we had just won the world cup. I was emotional and the



team was too. This win was a big confidence booster, and you could see it in the boys. Suddenly, there was fire in their eyes.

The team played 10 games during the season, winning three and losing seven.

The team's hard journey was ultimately a good one marked by growth in the players. It was a pleasure coaching these boys and I wish them all the best for next year.

**Siphoniwa**  
Coach

## U15C

**Regular players:** Simba Chidakwa, Nick Dalrymple, Jamie Dunn, Alex Engelbrecht, Ben Erasmus (captain), Tochi Ezenwugo, Lwandle Gabuza, David Hill, William Leathern, Bakuena Lekitla, Kyle Lewis, Nqubeko Majozi, Omohau Mbileni, Liyema Mndela, Tino Nyabonda, Lee Singh, David Sutton, Zac Sweidan, Tom Twiss

The 2022 season was a tough reintroduction to competitive rugby for the U15C team after two Covid-interrupted years. While the win-loss ratio is somewhat underwhelming (we won two and lost eight of the 10 games played), the skills and character that the boys developed over the course of the season are what really matter. Not to mention the fun that they had.

The season began with a 0-34 loss to a big, motivated and physical Northwood side, which was a sign of things to come with further losses to Michaelhouse, Durban High School (DHS), Pretoria Boys High School, Westville Boys High School, Maritzburg College and Kearsney College. It wasn't all doom and gloom however, with the team recording wins over St Charles U15B and Glenwood.

The highlight of the season was a determined and passionate performance against DHS away. Against a far bigger side, the Hilton boys tackled and rucked their hearts out, eventually going down to two tries in the final few minutes of the game.

Special mention must be made of a few players. Team leaders Ben Erasmus, David Hill and William Leathern, who ensured that the morale in the team never wavered; Lee Singh for his determination and bravery, which were an inspiration to his teammates; and Liyema Mndela and Tochi Ezenwugo for their contribution to team spirit.

**William Donkin**  
Coach

## U15D

**Regular players:** Michael Bird, Shaka Buthelezi, Simba Chidakwa, Goodson Chirwa, Tito Chonco, Andreas Demetriou, Jake Hockly, Bakuena Lekitla, Tumelo Makgeru, Senzo Mngomezulu, Ziyanda Mnyandu, Tsebo Mokhati, Yonah Pollman, Adam Wingfield

The U15D team only managed to play two games in the entire season. The team was unfortunately plagued by injuries and illness, and we simply did not have the numbers to compete against rival schools. This impacted negatively on the team's performance. The team lacked confidence and lost their two games quite badly and by huge margins. However, at practises, the team remained spirited and participated enthusiastically in drills. Due to the social nature of the group, many friendships were forged on the field, and I am sure many happy memories were made.

**Lionel Julius**

*Coach*

## U14A

**Regular players:** *Daniel Barradas, Jack Benkenstein, Ben Coetzee, Guy Fender, Liyema Gazi, Oliver Jarvie, Callan Kenmuir, Mholi Khuzwayo, Musawenkosi Mponda, James Peattie, Garrick Phillips, Benoit Rey, Finn Santos (captain), Andrew Schnell, Ross Steyn, Tristan Taljaard, Luke Wilson, Matt Wilson, Liyema Zondi*

The year started with new hope, as the veil of Covid lifted. The aftermath of the pandemic, however, was evident in the lack of basic skills in the U14 groups.

We embarked on getting the boys ready to perform to the best of their abilities and were fortunate to have a steady stream of boys attending the pre-season sessions, which enabled us to fit our game plan to our players.

The first game of the season started with great energy against Northwood High School. Unfortunately, we had to bend the knee to superior athletes who countered our mistakes when we were ever so close to planting the oval ball across the white line.

We realised that the season would be challenging for the boys, not only physically but mentally, too. They had to dig deep if they were to represent the black and white well. During the March holidays we were fortunate to play in the Glenwood rugby festival. We played three matches, of which we won two and drew one. The matches against Jim Fouché and Montana showed that the boys could execute our game plan. This was tested by Heidelberg Volkskool, in a game in which we chased try for try. In a marvellous team effort, Daniel Barradas scored a try in the corner, finishing a draw match.

The boys continued the season after the holiday with gusto and new confidence, beating St Charles convincingly ahead of the 150th celebratory week. The Michaelhouse game was a nail-biter, with the players testing their coaches' and supporters' hearts. But in the end, we were rewarded for our patience and walked away with a 10-5 win. Mholi Khuzwayo lead the charge from carries to set pieces.

I think it is safe to say we had one of the best, if not the best, scrums during the season. Our front row held firm against all. This was evident when we played Maritzburg



College. After being behind 22-0 at half time the forwards worked hard to give the backline good ball. The final whistle went with us on our way to the try line. Defeated 22-14, we walked proudly off the field, although the score did not represent the intensity of our play.

While we expected it to be a challenging year, we were not prepared for the near losses, such as those to Pretoria Boys High School (19-14), Glenwood High School (12-10) and our nemesis, Michaelhouse (20-10). However, I have no doubt they helped deepen each player's character. My thanks to the parents for their ongoing support. I am also thankful to Mr Mike Horak, Mr Greg Miller, Mr Jason Wulfsohn and Mr Kgomotso Motlogeloa for their continuous inputs and contributions. To Mr David Griffiths and Mr Mark Handman, thank you for always allowing us to disrupt your game plan so that we could borrow players when injuries occurred.

I believe the U14A are a special group of boys who need to believe in themselves the way we do.

**Tienie van Wyk**

*Coach*

## U14B

**Regular players:** *Caleb Barradas, Matthew Bezuidenhout, Nwagbo Chika, Nathan Daniel, Oscar Franco, Oliver Jarvie, Khalane Moletsane, Khetsa Motsa, Ndalo Moyo, Mvila Ncongwane, Sebastian Ozoux, Tristan Taljaard, Tsepo Tsike, Brynn Valentine, Peter van Rooyen, James Voller, Christopher Weavind, Luke Wilson, Matthew Wilson, Liyema Zondi*

The U14B had a tough season, in which they won only one match (22-10 against St Charles). Difficult as it was, there is much these young men can take from a tough season. Their commitment and willingness to learn was evident



from pre-season and they stuck it out and committed themselves to growing both as sportsmen and in character. The match against DHS was a case in point. We lost 7-54 having scored just one try, but the boys defended like trojans and Tristan Taljaard was like a man possessed. The growth of players from the C team – including Matthew Bezuidenhout, Christopher Weavind, Nwagbo Chika and Oscar Franco – who all made a valuable contribution to the side indicates to the club that despite the results, U14 rugby is really about the process.

The side went down 7-35 to Northwood at home in their first fixture. The much-hyped and anticipated fixture against Michaelhouse was disappointing (0-37). They had better runners and showed better spirit on the day. In our second head-to-head in the final fixture against Michaelhouse, our boys showed growth and a massive fight, which was amazing to witness despite a 19-47 loss. In our match against a much bigger Glenwood side, our boys dug deep and despite injuries and illness, showed grit and determination. We went down 0-21.

The College fixture was tough and at times we let ourselves down. In future, the boys have got to show a consistent fight when the chips are down. Oliver Jarvie, Mvila Ncongwane and the Wilson boys had a cracker against Pretoria Boys High School, where we went down 0-17. Jarvie was a decent fetcher and a smart player with the



quick taps and go through his time with the B team. Ncongwane, aka “Scara”, showed tremendous growth at hooker and his carries and work rate were noted. Peter van Rooyen, although out for some games, added impetus when the boys were down. James Voller was an energiser bunny of note and can certainly develop into a credible 9 in years to come. Tsepo Tsike and Liyema Zondi need to realise how much potential they have as ball players and are gifted with speed, flair and understanding of space. Ndalo Moyo, Khalane Moletsane and Khetsa Motsa were constituent backliners, who tackled hard, and I look forward to their development as rugby players.

Nathan Daniel, Brynn Valentine, Caleb Barradas and Sebastian Ozoux were troopers: they tackled hard, did the dirty work and were team men. Ozoux started out the blocks slowly but what a ball carrier and was a hard-as-nails player towards the end of the season. I would like to thank the B team assistant-coach Mr Jason Wulfson, who was amazing this season, as well as Mr Tienie van Wyk, Mr Greg Miller and Mr Michael Horak for all the coaching, advice and support you gave our boys. To all the parents who let us do what we do, these young men will get there. Trust the process. I am very proud of them. They showed great heart and character.

**Kgomotso Motlogeloa**  
Coach

## U14C

**Regular players:** Seriti Bannalotlhe, Matthew Bezuidenhout, Nwagbo Chika, Miles Cox, Oliver Crowe, Daniel Day, Zizwe Digangoane, Kai Dreyer, Oscar Franco, Jack Hermon, Pheto Kgafela, Kopano Lekeka, James Lyon, Ndyebo Mancini, Ben Mann, Mathew McGhee, Iviwe Mnconywa, Machabe Monaheng, Patrick Mosimakoko, Lefa Motsumi, Barack Munawa, Uyapo Ndwapi, Axolile Nyangiwe, Sebastian Ozoux, Atlegang Ramutla, Nathan Ravalomanana, William Segar, Tsepo Tsike, Alessandro Valente, Brynn Valentine, Christopher Weavind

It was a tough season for the U14C team which had to face difficult games that put them to the test. But the team showed grit and determination against their challenging

opponents. Even when the scoreboard was against them, they continued to give it their all in every game. Training sessions were full of energy, making them productive sessions for foundational skills training, which was necessary considering the time lost to the pandemic.

The team put up tough fights against the likes of Westville, Maritzburg College, and Northwood. Unfortunately, the outcome did not match their efforts with our opponents taking the wins. The team was strongest against St Charles with a number of tries making it over the line and the game ending with a convincing win of 49 to 25 over our opponents. It would be remiss to single out any player in this game, as the whole team played at their best.

A highlight of the season was the game against Michaelhouse, played over Hilton's 150th celebratory weekend. Unfortunately, our rivals took the win on the

day, but the team felt the atmosphere and played their hearts out for their school.

With numerous injuries affecting the U14 group, some of the players got call ups to the U14B team which gave them great experience. It was fantastic to observe the players' sharing what they learned with their peers after playing in those games. Multiple players demonstrated their leadership skills with the roles of captain and vice-captain changing each match.

Despite it being a tough season, in which the team lost seven of the eight games they played, the individual growth and progress made in teamwork is something this team can be very proud of!

**David Griffiths**  
*Coach*



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#### Rugby 7s

**Row 4:** Luke Warren, Tayedza Jaravaza, Luke Rowe, RD Engelbrecht

**Row 3:** Ivan Jjuuko, Michael Capes, Luke Watt, Chris Wanless

**Row 2:** Xola Makongolo, Connor Woods, Murray Brink, Mihle Gazi

**Row 1:** Ivan Lockem, Mr Brad Macleod-Henderson, Chris Horak (captain), Mr Cameron Fraser, Matt Stewart

## Sevens Rugby

The game of 7s continues to grow, and Hilton used the season to try and improve the boys' skill levels while also being as competitive as possible. Hilton played in three festivals and three tournaments. In the festivals we often played against our old foes Michaelhouse and had real dingdong battles with them. The highlight was probably our victory against Michaelhouse at Meadows where Hilton put in a dream performance. In the tournaments the boys enjoyed the opportunity to don the "black" jersey and in the Clifton tournament, Hilton lost in the semi-finals against Westville where we were maybe outplayed at the breakdown.

In the DHS tournament, Hilton lost to Northwood in the pool stages and against DHS in the quarter-finals, where Hilton were physically out muscled in both games. Hilton did manage to get revenge against Northwood in the plate semi and then went on to beat a strong Glenwood team in the plate final where they physically managed to match their opponents.

In the College tournament, Hilton got through the pool stages unscathed and played Glenwood in the quarter-finals where Tayedza Jaravaza showed his pace and RD Engelbrecht showed his power in both scoring two tries. Ivan Lockem showed his class in scoring the fifth try for a 31-14 Hilton win.

Next up was DHS who had dominated Hilton the week before and with Mihle Gazi chopping people in half in

defence and the fighting spirit of Chris Horak and Chris Wanless, and the three Lukes (Watt, Warren and Rowe) combined with the class of Lockem, pace of Jaravaza and support play of Daniel Hathorn, Ruben Marx and Khanya Jekwa resulted in RD Engelbrecht scoring three tries and a fantastic Hilton victory (17-12).

In the final, Hilton met the hosts Maritzburg College and as the sun began to set and with Hilton catching a lot of verbals from the College supporters, the game kicked off. It was a gripping game with neither side playing particularly well and a lot of niggles in the game. Hilton managed to win the game for similar reasons to what had happened in the semi-final, 19-17. This was a memorable Hilton victory and the first in my time of coaching Hilton. Engelbrecht again scored three tries in the final and in my opinion was the unofficial player of the tournament.

That brought the curtain down on the 7s season, where Zack van Niekerk, Nic Snyman, Lockem, Horak and Matt Stewart all had opportunities to captain the team. Engelbrecht, Lockem, Rowe and Horak all got invited to the KZN U17 trials. Most of the boys will be back at Hilton in 2023 and if they continue to show the fighting spirit they showed at College, I am sure we will have a great season.

**Brad Macleod-Henderson**  
Coach



**Back Row:** Tristan Taljaard, Matuma Mojapelo, Ayaan Jakhura, Harry Bailey, Robert James, Flynn Newell, and Richard Roxburgh.  
**Middle Row:** James Lyon, Daniel Day, Adam Cole, Victor Compton, Trey Padayachee and Oliver Crowe.  
**Front Row:** Mrs Debbie Veenstra, Campbell Immelman (captain), Mr Charles Ncobeni, Spencer Wright (vice-captain), Mrs Lara Wulfsohn

## Shooting

The Shooting Club continued with the drive that started in 2021; that is to try and get more boys involved in the shooting leagues organised by South African Air Rifle Federation (SAARA).

Boys participated in more shoots compared to last year and we hope to do even more in 2023 as we intend to attend at least one shooting open league in Gauteng in May.

Our first team – consisting of Harry Bailey, Adam Cole, Campbell Immelman and Spencer Wright – represented us in most of these SAARA leagues. We are hoping to get more boys involved in these league shoots next year. The following boys enlisted for shooting in 2022, taking part in just one term or all year round: Harry Bailey, Adam Cole, Victor Compton, Oliver Crowe, Daniel Day, Wim Ebersohn, Campbell Immelman, Robert James, Ayaan Jakhura, James Lyon, Matuma Mojapelo, Flynn Newell, Trey Padayachee, Richard Roxburg, Tristan Taljaard and Spencer Wright.

*It has been every beneficial that boys are now allowed to participate in as many sports as they choose each term.*

We were fortunate to secure the services of an outside coach, Zandra Grove, whose expertise was urgently needed. Unfortunately, we are only able to use Ms Grove on Saturdays. Hopefully, we can extend that to one session mid-week.

It has been very beneficial that boys are now allowed to participate in as many sports as they choose each term. This has enabled us to participate in all league shoots without needing to share shootist with other sports.

Our hope of organising shoots between schools is more possible with the outside coach on our side.

Thank you to all the boys who were involved in Shooting this year and I look forward to an even better season next year.

**Charles Ncobeni**  
 MIC Shooting



#### 1st Team

**Back Row:** Marumo Selane (vice-captain), Andile Matsa, Thomas Roy, Matipa Denenga, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger  
**Middle Row:** Luthando Ntshangase, Buhle Gqwaaru, Daniel Holtzhausen, Jack Weavind, Mathubamahle Xaba, Sakhivo Moilwa  
**Front Row:** Christopher Harty, Siyabonga Buthelezi, Mr Mhlengi Shezi, Ashton Haslam (captain), Philani Sondzaba

## Soccer

### Overview

The school being under the spotlight in its 150th celebratory year came with its challenges. As we went about our preparations and training, we felt the weight of expectation and heard the boys talking about the “perfect soccer season”. We had to manage expectations and have a realistic approach to the season, while allowing the boys to dream big and work towards the goals they had set for themselves.

As preparations kicked off in the 2nd term, the mood in the camp was exceptional. I was nervous considering how the Covid years had robbed us of a full season. But we were indeed lining up for an amazing season of soccer. The club grew tremendously in 2022, with large numbers of boys signing up for soccer. Growth was one of the biggest successes of a year in which we boasted 22 teams. We hope to keep growing in numbers in 2023.

Our approach to pre-season, in all age groups, was more focused than in previous years. During the second term holidays, we had a training camp in Johannesburg a week

*As we went about our preparation and training, we felt the weight of expectation...*

before school reopened. This camp has become pivotal in keeping us focused on our goals.

I have to commend our boys for their approach to preparations. To that end, we took part in the Kloof Festival. Our invitational squad was made up of U16 and 1st team players. The tournament is a U19 tournament, which consisted of 32 schools from around the country. We finished in 5th place, a great accomplishment and foundation for our boys and programme for the following year.

We welcomed Mr Mhlengi Shezi as our new 1st team coach. Having served as assistant coach and U15A coach, Shezi brings new ideas to the club based on a philosophy of modern football. He is assisted by Mr Herbert Mncwabe, who has been part of the club for many years. These appointments have made us stronger, and we will see the results for years to come.

We also welcomed coaches Messrs Philani Dumakude, Nqoba Mdladla, Wilbert Tenga, William Donkin, Lesego Mokoka, Craig Wilkinson, Richard Garrett, Siphoni Moniwa, Sanele Bhungane, Mologadi Mashitsho and Yongama Tsipa into our soccer programme this year. These gentlemen did a stellar job in the teams they coached, and we appreciate the value they added to the club.

The third term started with our game against St Charles, one of the toughest of the season. We knew this game was important for it would set the tone for our season. We played away from home in difficult conditions and drew 2-2.

For the first time, Hilton College hosted two soccer tournaments in a season: the Big 10 schools soccer tournament and the PMB/Midlands FA Cup. The latter attracted government and independent schools and half of the teams that took part were from girls' schools, which was refreshing. We also enjoyed the privilege of giving neighbouring schools access to our facilities. In our traditional fixtures of the year, we saw the entire club come to life, with the boys showing impressive commitment.

It was pleasing to see our lower age groups competing well. The highlight of the season for me was watching our U14D team scoring beautiful goals in their game against Maritzburg College.

As the season progressed, we saw our U15A and 1st teams playing in the St David's festival where they competed very well, signalling a bright future for the club. We also had our U14s and U16s compete in knockout tournaments.

We launched the Mbanjwa Football Academy this year to cater for all boys who want to enhance their skills throughout the year. The academy, which enables members to play soccer throughout the year, has helped a lot of boys to improve and compete for spots in higher divisions in the programme.

This year we hosted a number of professional teams at Hilton College on the Zungu Field. During their pre-season, Cape Town City Football Club used the field, where they

played other professional teams. This afforded our coaches the opportunity to learn from some of the best coaches in the professional league. We got to watch games against Maritzburg United, TS Galaxy, Sekhukhune FC, Royal AM and Uthongathi FC.

This exposure adds tremendous value to our coaching and helps our coaches keep abreast of the latest trends. Our boys are the ultimate beneficiaries.

Thanks to all the boys who came out to support us, the academic staff and, most importantly, our coaches who were integral to our success in 2022.

A special mention to our headmaster, deputy heads, the director of sports and the sports office. Your support has been tremendous.

**Celo Mbanjwa**  
*Director of Soccer*

### 1st team

**Regular players:** Siya Buthelezi, Matipa Denenga, Buhle Gqwaaru, Ashton Halsam, Daniel Holtzhausen, Kieran Kilmartin, Olwethu Kweyama, Wian Liebenberg, Andile Matsa, Akha Mda, Sakhiwo Moilwa, Luthando Ntshangase, Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger, Thomas Roy, Marumo Selane, David Tshebi, Jack Weavind, Mathubamahle Xaba

In our first game of the season, an away game against St Charles, we scored in the last few minutes of the match, drawing 1-1.

The following week we hosted the Big 10 Schools tournament, beating Kearnsey 2-1 in our first game and DHS 2-1 in our second game. While we dominated in the first half of both games, we couldn't do the same in the



second half. In our match against Michaelhouse, in the quarterfinals, we let ourselves down, losing 3-2. Next up was the St David's Festival. We won our first game 1-0 against St Benedicts, drew against Linmeyer, and played Jeppe in our last game, in which we needed a draw or a loss of not more than two goals or more [to stay in the tournament?].

In the first half of the game the score was 0-0 and we looked like a team that was never going to concede. But 10 minutes into the second half, we conceded two quick goals. And then, in the last five minutes of the game, we conceded again. Although we were able to score in the last minute of the game, it was too late. I was proud of the boys who played their hearts out. We went on to play two more games, losing one and winning one.

Our league game against Northwood was a great comeback from the tour. We won 3-1, and from start to finish we dominated the game. Sakhiwo Moilwa scored two goals and Luthando Ntshangase scored one. With our grade 12s writing exams and our grade 11s on a leadership camp, pulling together a team to play Glenwood was stressful. Yet we managed to get a draw against Glenwood's well-organized team.

We then played in the Pietermaritzburg Midlands FA Cup, starting off like a house on fire. As hosts of the tournament, we wanted to show our feathers, and that's exactly what we did, winning our first game 5-0 with David Tshebi scoring two goals.

We went on to comfortably win our second game 2-0, against Newton. Our last game of the day was against Haythorne Secondary School. Needing a draw to finish top



of the group, we started off well, scoring first and dominating the game. But silly mistakes cost us the game 2-1.

Against Carter in the quarter-finals Matipa Denenga scored a wonderful goal, bringing the score to 1-1 and opening the way for our centre backs and full backs to come to the party. Goals by Wian Liebenberg and Thomas Roy won us the game.

The semi-final against Maritzburg College was a heated affair. Tensions were high, on and off the field, but the boys were able to keep a cool head and walk away with a 1-0 win.

To the final we went, aware that we needed to be on form, from the first minute to the last, and we were. A man-of-the-match performance by Daniel Holtzhausen won us the game. We couldn't have asked for a better ending to the tournament: in the last 30 seconds of the game, we got a free kick. A quick-thinking Marumo Selane played a pass to Tino Hove, who then beat defenders and took a shot at the goals. The keeper stopped it, but Natenzi Denenga followed up and finished off, with the crowd cheering. In our last game of the season, which was against Westville, the boys played really well, going from a goal down to scoring two quick goals and then conceding a goal due to our own careless mistakes.

Overall, it was a great season. Thank you to everyone who was part of it, from players to coaching staff.

### Player Profiles

**Siya Buthelezi:** Sadly, Siya wasn't able to play most of the season due to injury. But his leadership off the field was remarkable. A true captain, on and off the field.

**Matipa Denenga:** A tough and hard-working midfielder, Matipa gets never gives up. And he's a great goal scorer.

**Buhle Gqwaaru:** Quiet and hardworking, Buhle can play anywhere on the field. He's a good man who is always eager to learn. I wish he had scored more goals just to boost his confidence.

**Ashton Halsam:** When the team needed a captain, Ashton stepped in and led from the front. Mr Reliable, he is gentle and solid, on the field and off.

**Daniel Holtzhausen:** Our last line of defence, Daniel performed at his best this year, and yet I know there is more to come. A very respectful and gentle person.

**Kieran Kilmartin:** A jack of all trades, Kieran can play anywhere in the back line. A boy with a very big heart, he gives 110% always.

**Olwethu Kweyama:** Olwethu worked hard to get into the team and even harder to be a starter. He played important games for us, and his hard work helped the team win many a game.

**Wian Liebenberg:** No one could beat Wian for pace or skill because he was faster and better. A go-to guy when you need a goal or want to stop the other team from scoring.

**Andile Matsa:** A key player who had a great start to the

season only to be struck down by injury. A very kind and respectful person, Andile came out in support of his teammates.

**Akha Mda:** A very funny boy who is always up for a laugh. Akha could be the best midfielder in the school.

**Sakhiwo Moilwa:** Forever talking, laughing or playing music, Sakhiwo was the clown of the team. But in front of the goal, he was a very clinical player.

**Luthando Ntshangase:** Luthando is an absolute pleasure to work with. An all-rounder, he's the kind of player you need in your team: a goal scorer who is always willing to help other players score.

**Amo Phuduhudu-Kruger:** A boy on wheels, Amo was a threat to any opposition players who dared venture into our danger zone.

**Thomas Roy:** A tireless warrior, Thomas can outrun anyone. And when you think he is tired, he will run some more. A key player in our defence, when we needed him, he was there.

**Marumo Selane:** I feel blessed to have coached Marumo. He never gives up and never gives in. A very humble boy who played a big part in the success of our team.

**David Tshebi:** Mr Yellow Card, David scored the most goals and got the most yellow cards this year. A truly gifted boy. He plays with his heart on his sleeve. A true footballer.

**Jack Weavind:** Down to earth and a man of few words, Jack lets his goalkeeping skills speak for him. He's a great leader and someone you want to have around.

**Mathubamahle Xaba:** Underrated, yet key to the team, Mathubamahle goes about his business quietly.

**Mhlangi Shezi**  
*Coach*

## 2nd

**Regular players:** *Daniel den Bakker, Kieran Kilmartin, Kearabetswe Khoele, Zakhele Khumalo, Zimele Khumalo,*



*Olwethu Mbala, Ntuma Moagi (captain), Chisa Mulenga, Nkululeko Ngcobo, Modupe Ogunrobi, Teboho Pakkies, Matt Rout*

It was an unforgettable season, which got off to a slow start with a 3-1 loss to St Charles.

In our second fixture, which was against Kearsney College, we managed a 1-1 draw. The boys played very well despite firing some blanks. Clifton was our third fixture, which we won (1-0), showing what we were capable of and having fun at the same time.

Our away game against Northwood School ended 1-1. It was an easy game which we should have wrapped up in the first half, considering the number of chances we created to score. Sadly, we conceded a goal in the last minute of the game.

Next we played Glenwood High School at home. Although we won 2-1, this wasn't a true reflection of our strength. We should have won the game with an avalanche of goals, but squandered lot of chances.

In a tough fixture against Maritzburg College, we managed a 1-1 draw.

The second-to-last fixture of the season was against our archrivals Michaelhouse, played away from home. We scored first and controlled the game well until they got the set piece and ended on 1-1.

Our last fixture was against Westville Boys' High School, where we went down 3-1 in yet another game that did not reflect our capability. We controlled most of the game but made some silly mistakes which our opponents exploited. Although we won only two of the eight games we played, we drew four and lost only two. I am proud of the boys for their hard work and look forward to watching their progress next season.

**Herbert Mncwabe**  
*Coach*

## 3rd

**Regular players:** *Emeka Ezenwugo, Kwanele Gumbi, Dale Herbert, Khumo Kwakwa, Onke Kweyama, Anelisa Maphumulo, Vumi Mbokota (captain), Chisha Mulenga, Gabriel Njonjo, Sentle Seithleko, Olwakhe Shezi, Sam Wingfield*

From the start of trials, you could feel the energy and excitement from the boys; they couldn't wait to get on the field and play, hungry and eager to prove their worth. The team was selected, and we were ready to face our first opponent, which was St Charles away from home. We knew it was never going to be an easy one as they are very competitive and had a week head start. On the day, the boys showed amazing character, working together to emerge victorious (1-0).

Our next fixture was Kearsney College, one of the most competitive schools, and a battle it was. In an end-to-end game, we shared the spoils 0-0.

The season continued with our boys putting up a fight, giving their all in each and every game played. It was truly magical seeing each and every one of our players growing from practise to game and enjoying football, forming friendship and creating stronger bonds along the way. It was beautiful to watch.

In summary, we played eight games, of which we won two, lost three and drew three.

I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these young gentlemen, who consistently displayed good sportsmanship and a wonderful sense of humour. I wish them all of the best in life.

**Thabiso Mkhize**  
Coach

#### 4th

**Regular players:** James Daniels, Guy Harcourt, Kwame Huyberechts, Tsakani Khoza, Tim King (captain), Onke Kweyama, Nathi Makola, Mophethe Malie, Kediretswwe Mbaakanyi, Benjamin McGuigan, Chisha Mulenga, Joaquim Ozoux, Reneiloe Seopa, Aman Wadhvani

After a hiatus of two years due to Covid, it was great to be back on the field and playing "the beautiful game". A disciplined and structured approach at practises and on match days saw the team achieve a successful season. What was most impressive was the ability of the boys to adjust to what was happening on the field and play to their strengths, as was very evident in the hard-fought draw against Linpark.

Even though the team lost to Michaelhouse, their positive attitude and ability to rise above some dubious decisions spoke volumes about their character. Practises were very

productive, with the boys' skills and appreciation of the finer points of the game improving every week.

The team played eight games, winning five, drawing two and losing only one.

The result of the final fixture against Westville Boys epitomized the improvement of the team. A special thanks to Mr Thabiso Mkhize for his valuable input at practises and to the supporters.

**Michael Werth**  
Coach

#### 5th

**Regular players:** Jarod du Plessis, Callum Lupton-Smith (captain), Similo Mkhungo, Lesedi Mogashoa, Nkosi Msiza, Newo Munyai, Six Nyangiwe, Dylan Pratt, Nkosi Shoji, Jehan Thipanyane-Said, Nic Thorburn, Unami Zungu

The 5th team had a wonderful season, conducting themselves in a truly Hiltonian fashion. They began the season with robust and demanding practise sessions, working on their fitness as well as their basic soccer skills. The growth seen in this time was staggering, with all the boys showing total commitment at these sessions. When matches finally rolled around, the players did not disappoint, all displaying enthusiasm and courage.

In their first match, against a very strong Kearsney College team, they powered through to a 3-2 loss. Outstanding performers in the match were Nkosi Shoji and Jarod du Plessis.

Match day against Northwood School dawned full of anticipation and, once again, the Hilton boys did not disappoint, winning 3-1. The outstanding performers in the match were Dylan Pratt and Jehan Thipanyane-Said. Poor officiating cost the team the important match against Michaelhouse. Our boys went on to put in a fantastic performance in their game against Westville Boys High School, winning 4-0.



The contribution of the 6th team coach Mr Matthew Fairweather was invaluable and made for an enjoyable season for the young men of Hilton College.

### **Kuthula Ntshontsho**

*Coach*

## **6th**

**Regular players:** *Jon Braithwaite, Oscar Bredenkamp, Tristan Hockly, Joel Kitshoff, Hlonie Lethole, Oliver Mann, Campbell McKenzie, Rorisang Nkosi, James Ogilvie, Tom Peattie, Bandile Shabalala, Jordan Udal*

The 2022 soccer season was a wonderfully fun one for our boys. Unfortunately, we didn't play the usual number of fixtures due to competitor schools not having enough teams. With the business of the third term and all the school trips, the five games that the boys played I felt they thoroughly enjoyed.

The boys did incredibly well at the beginning of the season, maintaining a positive attitude and playing as a team. All the boys did exceptionally well in all five games. The highlight of the season was their game against Michaelhouse, played away, coming from 0-1 down to drawing 1-1 at the end of the game.

Thank you to all the boys for their commitment and effort through the 2022 soccer season.

### **Matthew Fairweather**

*Coach*

## **7th**

**Regular players:** *Matt Diemont, Kukhanya Mahlangu (captain), Luke Marshall, Khanya Mhlongo, Siya Mpofo, Neo Naidoo, Bayanda Ncobeni, Saphiwa Nzimande, Vhuthihi Siwada, Samuel Strydom, Devon Thomson*

The season started slowly with only 11 players (and no reserves) in the side, making it hard to fill the team when there were injuries or other reasons for absence. Our first fixture, which was against Kearsney College, was



characterised by missed opportunities, including a missed penalty. It was a game that we should have won, but it ended on a draw.

We went on to suffer a narrow defeat against Northwood in a very exciting game. In our third game, which was against Michaelhouse, again we missed numerous opportunities before suffering another defeat. Luckily, we finished the season on a high with a well-deserved victory against Westville. Devon Thomson was the star of the day in this game, scoring goals for us.

A big thank you to the boys who were willing to play for us when we didn't have enough players, especially in our last two fixtures. They included Akhona Kunene, Mihle Gazi, Liso Ngoqo and Michael Sara.

### **Charles Ncobeni**

*Coach*

## **8th**

**Regular players:** *Tanner Bailey, Troy Bryson, Chris Harty, Jack Herman, Alistair Howard, Oliver Lello, Rourke Luscombe, Avuyile Mbada, Risimati Mkhabela, Andrew Moravec (captain), Jason Muir, Dylan Pratt, Ross Short, Caleb Vandayer, Scott Winskill, Nicholas Youens*

Coaching this side was effortless. The boys were very driven and a couple of them were good enough to play in a higher team.

We had only four fixtures; not many schools can produce an 8th team. But the games we played were a close loss or a good win for us.

The biggest challenge for the team is that soccer is in the third term, during matric trials. As soon as the matrics started writing, attendance at practises dropped. A lot of the boys had meetings with tutors and extra lessons, which adversely impacted preparation for games but provided necessary time for the guys to study.

### **Sipho Moniwa**

*Coach*

## **U16A**

**Regular players:** *Travis de Bruyn, Natenzi Denenga, Siba Dlamini, Jack Henderson, Tino Hove, Wonga Masina, Miguel Teixeira, Jack Weavind (captain), Sandiso Zondi*

During preseason training, we worked on basic skills and soccer movements. Our first match was against St Charles, which we drew 2-2. The following day, the team went to Thomas More to play in an U16 tournament. There we played Maritzburg College and lost 1-0. The boys played an attacking game and created plenty opportunities to score but could not convert these into goals.

After losing 2-0 to Kearsney College, we went on to win 2-0 against Clifton and 4-0 against Northwood. In the latter

match, the boys worked hard to keep their opponents in their half, and scored brilliant goals which made for entertaining spectating. In our last match, we hosted Westville Boys and drew 0-0. That too was a marvellous game to watch because both teams were determined to win.

Unfortunately, a number of players had injuries during the season. They were supportive of the team from the sidelines the entire season, showing their passion and commitment to the team.

Three members of the team – Natenzi Denenga, Tino Hove and our captain Jack Weavind – played regularly for our school's first team. They were also selected to play for the U16A KZN inland squad.

Every member of the team played his part and felt included. It was an honour and a privilege for me to work with these boys. I hope to see many of them playing for first and second teams in 2023.

**Philani Dumakude**  
Coach

## U16B

**Regular players:** *Siba Dlamini, Tumelo Gopane, Uthando Gumede (captain), Joshua Julius, Sean Kamau, Matome Manthata, Ethan McCabe, Ntando Mhlongo, Didier Rey, Chris Snijman, Oscar Steiner*

The team played five games this season, scoring an impressive 18 goals in total. Credit must be given to our "back four" (Tumelo Gopane, Uthando Gumede, Ethan McCabe and Ntando Mhlongo) who worked tirelessly to provide a solid base on which to launch attacks. We won our first game of the season 5-1 against St Charles, before going on to play some scintillating soccer, notching up a couple of superb wins.

The highlight of the season was our 6-0 home game against Clifton College. We played with heart and determination and enjoyed the support of parents who came out in numbers, which the boys really appreciated.

**Sbonelo Hlophe**  
Coach

## U16C

**Regular players:** *Masud Dakile (captain), Marc Isabelle, Karabo Lephema, Siya Maphumulo, Oliver Mattison, Nghwazi Mkansi, Ntando Mchunu, Ntando Ngcobo, Akani Nxumalo, Sung So, Luke Spear, Daniel Sweeney*

The team played well this season considering that we never played with the same team; we had to part with players for higher teams.

We drew 1-1 in our first game, which was against St Charles. I was proud of the boys for their performance on the day.



The highlight of the season was the team's game against Westville Boys. We were trailing 5-0 at halftime, but in the second half we came back strong, and ended the game 5-5. I thank the boys for their hard work this season.

**Bheki Kunene**  
Coach

## U16D

**Regular players:** *Neil Bararugurika, Nic Bregman-Frangos, Max Gilson, Tristian Grant, Seko Maseko (captain), Mpumelelo Mdhuli, Moeletsi Moletsane, Tumelo Moselethe, Munashe Musora, AbuBakr Mussa, Bayanda Ncobeni, Thamsanqa Ncube, Thuto Phakisi, Etienne Smit*

The U16D enjoyed a busy season of soccer, unfortunately missing out on the Michaelhouse fixture due to the academic programme.

Everyone in the side played with passion and a love for the game. The team played five games, of which they lost three and drew one.

The results did not go our way, but the boys walked off the field still eager to attend the next practise and take on the next fixture.

Thanks to Seko Maseko who captained the team with excellence. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these young men, each of them displaying true sportsmanship and a love for the game.

**Richard Garrett**  
Coach

## U15A

**Regular players:** *Langa Dlamini, Stewart Falconer, Nic Harcourt, Ben Hockly, Jack Holtzhauzen, Jack Kitching, Tumisho Manaka, Lesedi Mangwale (captain), Tsebo Mokathi,*

James Ogilby, Efe Ozcan, Alex Pitman, Ndabe Sithole, Jason Webster

In a challenging preseason we focused on fitness and the technical skills needed for a tough and competitive season. Unfortunately, we missed some players in the preseason training due to injuries.

Our season kicked off at home against St Charles. We were all over the place, losing the game 3-1. Against Kearsney we changed tactic and improved our performance. We were inconsistent throughout the season and drew three games in a row. In our game against Michaelhouse, we created numerous chances but took only one. That cost us dearly, as we conceded just before the game finished. I must, however, commend the boys for not giving up. In some games, we were in a losing position, but they fought hard to score and to go for the win. In some games we dominated and outplayed our opponents, notably Glenwood High School – we dominated them in all aspects of the game and won 3-0.

I am not happy about how we finished the season: we lost the edge, both offensively and defensively; conceded way too many soft goals; and were not as ruthless in front of the goals, missing far too many opportunities.

On the St Davids Tour, we came out guns blazing and managed to beat Clifton School and St Johns College. We lost to a very good St Stithians College side, and finished second in our group to compete in the quarterfinals. There we showed courage and better tactical awareness during our match against Grey College, but we lost right at the death. Overall, we finished seventh out of 16 schools. The football we played during the tournament showed how much we had improved, especially tactically. Lesedi Mangwale and Alex Pitman showed great leaderships skills on and off the pitch.



## *The football we played during the tournament showed how much we had improved...*

Congratulations to James Ogilby, Jason Webster and Mangwale on being selected to be part of the U15 Midlands squad. Unfortunately, Webster and Mangwale had to pull out due to injury.

This group has a lot of potential. To reach the next level they need to keep working hard. I wish them all the best in their football and hope to see them representing the school at first team level one day.

**Nqoba Mdladla**  
Coach

### **U15B**

**Regular players:** *Phelele Cele, Neil Grobbelaar, David Hill, Ben Hockly, Erin Kihara (captain), Reagan Mudau, Mpande Myeza, Ntando Nyabonda, Sizwe Pwele, Lee Singh, Ndabenhle Sithole, Zac Sweidan, James Youens, Ungweru Ziba*

It was a fantastic season of entertaining soccer. From the beginning, the U15B squad was blessed with plenty of players who had played together in the 2021 soccer season. The team had to deal with the pain of a close loss to Northwood, owing to the injuries of a few key players. The players learned quickly and adapted to the new style of Hilton College soccer. The goal average of 2.6 per match and 50%-win rate does little to explain how prolific the team was this season. My proudest moments were not in the many victories we had, but in seeing the boys play a spirited 1-1 draw against Michaelhouse, a day after their return from a grueling Outbound Leadership Experience (OLE).

The team played eight games, of which they won four, drew three and lost one.

A special thanks to coach Nqoba Mdladla for sharing his knowledge and expertise throughout the season. All the boys worked hard and were dedicated to the team. I wish to thank all the parents for their continued support, which the boys greatly appreciated. I look forward to what the next season holds for these boys, who will, no doubt, continue improving.

**Wilbert Tenga**  
Coach

### **U15C**

**Regular players:** *Callum Bryson, Kenyu Chiang, Linathi Dabula, Ben Erasmus, Lwandle Gabuza, Nqubekho Majazi, Senzo Mngomezulu, Thabo Mngomezulu, Kgosi Modise, Tino Nyabonda, Ben Scorgie, Tom Twiss, Dominic van Aardt, Alex Wesselink (captain)*

We started the season using a 4-3-3 configuration before switching to a 3-5-1-1, which was more stable both on

defense and offense. Our boys played a fast-paced and dynamic brand of football.

We won our first game 4-1, played at home against St Charles. Special mention must be made of the two long-range goals by Dominic van Aardt. The second game of the season was an away game against Kearsney College. It was an especially difficult game due to cold and rainy weather. Nevertheless, our players showed up and engaged in a very challenging match. Playing on a short field, we were unable to play our usual passing style, and the opposition took full use of home advantage to defeat us 1-2.

After this game, training plans were modified to speed up our offensive play and play long balls to our wingers. As a result, we totally dominated Clifton College in our next game. Everything was working perfectly, and the team, especially the attackers, put up an incredible performance, winning this match 8-0.

Before the break, we played two more games, drawing 2-2 and winning 4-3 versus Northwood and Glenwood. These were challenging games with intense midfield competition. The parents watching were astonished by the boys' composure and tenacity as they played at such a high level of intensity. After the break, we played three difficult games, all of which we lost by a point. The last game of the season also tough against Westville Boys High School where we conceded a last-minute penalty to lose the game.

Well done to the squad members for making sure that each player felt like they belonged and for recognising each player's abilities and giving them the opportunity to shine at key points in the season. May you maintain the camaraderie and work ethic in years to come.

A big thank you to Alex Wesselink, who led the team well and maintained unity and concentration.

Our boys demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and a wonderful passion for the game making it a pleasure for me to coach them.

**Orateng Motsoe**  
*Coach*

## U15D

**Regular players:** *Michael Bird, Andre Boshoff, Nick Dalrymple, Morne Engelbrecht, Mitchel Garreau, Gcina Gqwaaru (captain), Bakuena Lekitla, Kyle Lewis, Khazimla Makali, Tumelo Makgeru, Yonah Pollman, Dominic Richards, Boleng Seoe, Xander Schlebusch, Thando Shongwe, Silwa Wafula, Chase Smith*

It was a fantastic season of entertaining soccer for the U15D team. Our boys kicked off the season with a massive win of 10-1 against St Charles College. This set us up for a superb season in which we lost only one of the eight games we played. Sadly, it was to Michaelhouse by 2-1. We scored 37 goals in the season and conceded 13. The boys really were clinical in front of the goals, which was one of the key aspects we discussed going into the season.

All the boys worked hard and showed dedication to the team, and I believe they represented the school with aplomb. I wish to thank all the parents for their continued support which the boys greatly appreciated.

**Mologadi Mashitsho**  
*Coach*



## U15E

**Regular players:** *Daniel Askew, Simba Chidakwa, James Dent, Joshua Dube, Tochi Ezenwugo, Jake Hockly, uMpho Makulana, Tshiamo Mashishi, Ziyanda Mnyandu, Nthekgo Phasha, Alex Wesselink, Rupert Wright (captain)*

I started coaching the team after they had played and lost a few games. I tried to motivate them and infuse the team with positive energy. The boys appreciated this and worked hard on their training and skills.

Facing some "big soccer schools", the boys played to win and enjoyed themselves. They lost to schools like Kearsney College and Westville Boys, but continued to work hard. It was a joy for me to see them win. It was a game against our own U16D, which ended in a draw (3-3). The boys asked if they could go into a penalty shootout, and went on to win 5-4. Even though it was their only win of the season, it produced pure joy.

**Sanele Bhungane**  
Coach

## U14A

**Regular players:** *Daniel Barradas, Jack Benkenstein, Zizwe Digangoane, Oscar Franco, Luke Holden (captain), Kopano Lekeka, Nelwang Letsoalo, Patrick Masimakoko, Machabe Monaheng, Atang Mphati, James Peattie, Luphelele Shange, Oyena Zulu, Wanga Zulu*

The U14A team had a successful season, which kicked off with pre-season training. We won five matches and lost one match. The team played seven league matches, won four matches, drew one match against Michaelhouse and lost two matches against Maritzburg College and Westville. We were let down by poor finishing upfront. We won our first league match 1-0 against St Charles. Wanga Zulu scored a beautiful goal and Luke Holden made brilliant saves.



At the KZN age group tournament, the team did not play well. We won 7-1 against Reddam House Ballito in the quarter-final, but then lost 3-1 against Durban High School in the semi-final, placing us fourth in the tournament. Towards the end of the season, we played a very tough match against Michaelhouse and drew 1-1. We dominated the midfield and created good scoring opportunities. The last match of the season was against Westville Boys High School. We scored first in the first half, but failed to defend our lead in the second half, losing the match 3-0.

Congratulations to Luke Holden and Wanga Zulu who made the U14 KZN team. I would like to thank all the U14A boys who made the 2022 soccer season successful.

**Thulani Mhlongo**  
Coach

## U14B

**Regular players:** *Daniel Barradas, Sechaba Gude, Zenande Mahlangu, Ofentse Mamojele, Machabe Monaheng, Ndalo Moyo, Musa Mponda, Barack Munawa, Mvila Ncongwane (captain), Banele Phoswa, Benoit Rey, Dante Sigei, Alessandro Valente, Peter van Rooyen*

An U14 season should never be defined by results. The focus should be on developing skills and understanding structures with a view to excelling in the senior age groups. In spite of this the 2022 U14Bs produced some excellent results and, more importantly, played some beautiful soccer along the way. The season began with a convincing 4-1 win over St Charles at home but was followed by a disappointing 3-1 loss to Kearsney away. This was a sign of things to come, with dominant home performances (including big wins over Northwood and Clifton) followed by frustrating away draws with Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse.

The team benefited from a dominant midfield controlled by the silky smooth Mvila Ncongwane, ably assisted by the selfless and powerful Banele Phoswa. Scoring was seldom a problem with the team managing 22 goals in seven games. In just four games Machabe Monaheng contributed four goals and two assists and was quickly snapped up by the A team. There were also significant contributions from Sechaba Gude and Alessandro Valente upfront and Dante Sigei and Benoit Rey on the wings.

While we struggled for consistency at centre back, both fullbacks played every game. Zenande Mahlangu was always a calm presence on the ball and Peter van Rooyen was the team's most improved player this season.

I have no doubt that many of these players will be gracing Zungu Field in seasons to come.

**William Donkin**  
Coach

## U14C

**Regular players:** James Aitken, Nwagbo Chika, John Gafney, Lance Kitto, Khumo Lobelo, Matthew Mattison, Khabane Morojele, Khetsa Motsa (captain), Musawenkosi Mponda, Francois Odendaal, Taji Sigei, Kaelo Taukobong

The team played seven matches over the course of the season. The boys can be proud of some stellar performances, competing against some of the best soccer schools in the region. The team won four matches, lost two and drew one. The boys conducted themselves with character and pride throughout the season and, as a school, we can be proud of the spirit in which they played, irrespective of results.

We faced St Charles College in our first game, winning this exciting match 4-0. The second game was played against Kearsney College, who we beat 2-0. Our biggest win was against Clifton College, achieving our highest score of 8-0. Our first challenge came in the form of Northwood College, with the game ending in a 2-2 draw. The team unfortunately lost games against Maritzburg College 0-4 and Westville 2-0.

The boys can be proud of themselves for showing great promise, scoring several exciting goals and playing with character, even when the score was not in our favour.

My sincere thanks to all the parents who came out to support the team, as well to our key players John Gafney, who scored four of the eight goals against Clifton College, our goalkeeper Francois Odendaal and our captain Khetsa Motsa. We look forward to seeing more parents coming out to support the boys in the next season.

**Lesego Mokoka**  
Coach

## U14D

**Regular players:** Caleb Barradas (captain), Seriti Bannalothle, Matthew Bezuidenhout, Miles Cox, Daniel Evans, Liam Firth, Nkosi Fuyana, Nyiko Mabunda, Matthew Mattison, Akhumzi Mtshungwana, Khayaletu Nouse, Axolile Nyangiwe, Sebastian Ozoux, Riley Ross, Karl Senanu

This group of incredibly talented boys did themselves and their school proud this season. Beyond the pleasing results, the team were determined and respectful on the field and courteous and polite off it. It is a pity that we were only able to play six games in the season.

In the opening game of the season, against St Charles, the boys were relishing the prospect of putting all they had learnt in our trials and practises into a competitive match – and they did not disappoint. The 2-0 victory does not quite capture the dominance that Hilton College enjoyed. We would begin to convert this dominance into goals as the season progressed, with scores of 4-1, 3-0, and 3-1 against Northwood, Maritzburg College, and Westville respectively.



Unfortunately, we let ourselves down in our fixtures against Kearsney and Michaelhouse, despite being the better team for large sections of the matches. Practises were held in good spirits and it was a pleasure working with this team.

**Craig Wilkinson**  
Coach

## U14E

**Regular players:** Ethan Aitken, Lwanda Chitha, Miles Cox (captain), Jack Hermon, Ty Kalayamotho, Pheto Kgafela, Nyiko Mabunda, Ndyebo Mancie, Ben Mann, Khalane Moletsane, Atlegang Ramutla, Karl Senanu, Brynn Valentine

The team tackled the season with enthusiasm and passion. They worked on their fitness as well as their basic skills and enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

It was a competitive season, in which we came up against some of the best soccer-playing schools in the country. But the boys showed up and made their school and parents proud, fighting up until the final whistle.

Miles Cox captained the team until he was promoted to the D team and then Ethan Aitken captained the team for the rest of the season. Both showed true leadership when our backs were against the wall.

The team played five games in total, three of which they lost and one game was draw. Although they won only one game, it was our last game of the season, which ended on a high note.

**Yongama Tsipa**  
Coach



**Back Row:** Luc Schraivesande, Adam Wesselink, Connor Paton, Declan Sawyer, Newo Mahlobo  
**Middle Row:** William Chein, Felix Jenkins, Lyle Clubb, Kyle Gilson, Kiernan Stevens  
**Front Row:** Oscar Steiner, Mr Werner Strydom, Kieran Griffin (captain), Mr Kwanda Sibiyi, Luke Hancock

## Squash

The Squash Club has grown in spite of the challenges that Covid-19 imposed on our sport. Due to restrictions placed on indoor sports, we were not able to compete in 2021.

Friendly matches against Michaelhouse, St Anne's, Epworth, St Charles and Pietermaritzburg Girls High was all the club could do to gain momentum.

The year got off to an exciting start with the appointment of Mr Werner Strydom as head coach. We managed to enter Felix Jenkins (captain), Declan Sawyer and Nicolas Snyman in the Winter League down in Linpark. The boys enjoyed this experience and grew in confidence.

The club finished third in the Boys Super 8 League this year. All things considered, this is an incredible achievement. Our club has many junior boys, so it suggests we have a promising future.

The club was represented by the following boys: Grant Bridgford, William Chein, Lyle Clubb, Kieran Griffin, Luke Hancock, Andrew Harding, Felix Jenkins, William Kitching, Connor Paton, Tristan Paton, James Pettie, Declan Sawyer,

William Segar, Nicolas Snyman, Oscar Steiner, Kiernan Stevens, Victor Viljoen, Adam Wesselink and Sam Wingfield.

James Pettie and William Segar were selected to play at the U14 Squash IPT. Whilst both could not make, it is encouraging that our boys are competing at such a high level, especially in Grade 8.

I am stepping down as the Master in Charge (MIC) of squash after serving the club for three years. The club welcomes Mr James Bullough as the new MIC. Mr Bullough comes with the wealth of experience and enthusiasm to move the club to the next level.

**Kwanda Sibiyi**  
*MIC Squash*

*The club has grown in spite of the challenges that Covid-19 imposed on our sport.*

# Swimming

The Hilton College swimming team can be very proud of its performances in 2022. Under the guidance of captain Christo Von Loggerenberg and vice-captain Jack Waterhouse, we had a wonderful season in which we competed well and at times excelled.

We participated in the following galas:

- The Hilton College invitational gala, where we came third out of five schools in the KZN Inland area.
- The Independent Quadrangular, which we won. It comprised Hilton College, Michaelhouse, Clifton College, St Charles College, St Anne's Diocesan College, The Wykeham Collegiate, St John's Diocesan School for Girls, Pietermaritzburg Girls High School and Epworth School.
- The Nestor Pierides gala, in which we slipped up, ending in tenth place out of 12 schools from all over the country.
- The Midmar Mile.
- The KZN Top 10 gala, we came 6th out of 10 schools.

The inter-house gala, which usually takes place in the 1st term, was held in the 4th term after numerous postponements due to lightning. Congratulations to Pearce for winning the inter-house relay cup and championship gala cup, and to Falcon for winning the spirit shield.

A large group of boys – about 45 regular swimmers – took part in galas. I am thankful to them for their hard work and effort this year and I wish them all the very best for 2023. Thank you to our coaches Mr Tony Shuttleworth, Mrs Tracey Mackenzie, Ms Lara Rogers, Mrs Hanlie Dry, Ms Neliswa Mthethwa and Ms Palesa Sara.

**Matthew Fairweather**  
*MIC Swimming*





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**1st Team**

**Back Row:** Zavier Rey, Campbell Ivins, Josh Black

**Front Row:** Mr Dale Michau, Michàl de Beer (captain), Mr James Webb

## Tennis

**First team:** Josh Black, Michael Capes, Michàl de Beer (captain), Olivier Gaboreau, Campbell Ivins, Zavier Rey, Jason Sasse, Aman Wadhvani

Covid-19 was still lingering at the start of 2022, but we were fortunately able to play the Umgungundlovu Doubles League. Although the final match was not possible to complete, the 1st team was at the top of the log and so by default won the league.

The Denness league took place in the 3rd term, instead of the 1st term. Our team did very well but lost the final match against Michaelhouse at the final hurdle.

Toward the end of the 3rd term, the De Wet Cup took place against Michaelhouse at Hilton. The Top 10 Hilton boys played exceptionally well in varying conditions throughout the afternoon. At 7-7 with one match left it was down to the wire. Didier Rey and Jarred Maltby played remarkably well in their doubles match to fight back from 2-6 down and win the pro-set match in a tiebreak which they won 8-6 in very misty conditions under floodlit courts. The win was even more satisfying considering two of our

top three players were injured and that Michaelhouse had won a national tournament two weeks before. The overall win of eight matches to seven means that Hilton has won the trophy nine out of the 11 encounters since the inception of the cup.

A highlight on the tennis calendar is the Hilton and St Anne's doubles tournament, which was cancelled in 2020 and 2021. We were delighted to welcome 16 top schools back to the Midlands. Players and spectators were treated to an excellent standard of tennis over the three days. The team was made up of Michael Capes, Michàl de Beer, Olivier Gaboreau, Daniel Holtzhauzen, Campbell Ivins, Jarred Maltby and Aman Wadhvani. The boys played excellent mixed doubles tennis with the St Annes girls.

This year's Hilton Singles Championship trophy is awarded to Josh Black, who beat Michael Capes in the final in two sets after some very entertaining tennis in the rounds of 16 and eight in the build-up to the final.

This year's most improved player was Jason Sasse. The most valuable players were: Jarred Maltby, who won important matches during the season, and notably at the doubles tournament and De Wet Cup; and Josh Black, who won all of his singles matches convincingly and represented KZN at the National IPT.

*A highlight on the tennis calendar is the Hilton and St Anne's doubles tournament...*



**De Wet Cup**

**Back Row:** Campbell Ivins, Olivier Gaboreau, Andre Boshoff, Jason Sasse

**Middle Row:** Didier Rey, Aman Wadhvani, Michael Capes, Jarred Maltby

**Front Row:** Josh Black, Mr Dale Michau, Michàl de Beer (captain), Mr James Webb, Zavier Rey

Josh Black was selected for the KZN U18B team and played at the main national Inter-Provincial Tournament during the Easter holidays.

We say farewell to four matric boys: de Beer, Rey, Ivins and Wadhvani. All have contributed valuably to the club over the past five years. We will miss them on the courts.

We are overjoyed by the number and quality of younger players in the school, which bodes well for tennis at Hilton. They have been very committed and have been eager to challenge each other.

Although tennis is considered a small sport at Hilton, we were pleased to have more than 60 boys sign up for tennis

in the 3rd term. The club could not have run as smoothly as it did without the support and guidance of several staff. Matt Fairweather has been very supportive and helpful in the year, along with Mr PK Ramnarain and professional coach Mr Dale Michau, who has added great value to the club.

I wish Mr Wilbert Tenga all the best as he takes on the role as the new master in charge of tennis. I am confident that the club is very good hands, and I am excited to see him take it to new heights!

**James Webb**  
*MIC Tennis*



#### 1st Team

**Back Row:** Oliver Lello, Stefan Swart, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Meyer Malherbe, Caine Letschert, Jordan Hein

**Middle Row:** Mitchel Wilson, Retief Malherbe, Matthew Hayes, Jono Bregman-Frangos

**Front Row:** Benji Watt, Mr Andrew Duncan, Cameron Gray (captain), Jack Waterhouse (vice-captain), Mr Jason Sileno, Ross Taylor

## Water Polo

### Overview

The Water Polo Club had an enjoyable and successful 2023. The club boasted five open teams and four junior teams, all ably led and coached by various staff of members.

Much effort was taken to ensure that all teams and players were afforded the opportunity to play as many games as possible throughout the season.

The overall win/loss statistics for the year were as follows: Played 186, won 145, Lost 33 and drew eight games. But, more importantly, all boys enjoyed a competitive but fun environment where they could appreciate the sport and grow as water polo players. A huge congratulations to all the players and their coaches who invested so much effort and passion into their teams.

From a tournament perspective, our 1st, 2nd, U16A, U15A and U14A teams participated in various national tournaments across the country. The 1st team attended the St Andrews College Shield Tournament, King Edward VI School Tournament, Clifton Tournament, KZN Top 10, and the St Stithians Stayers Tournament.

*The club boasted five open teams and four junior teams...*

Our 2nd team took part in the Pearson High School tournament. The U16As participated in the Durban High School (DHS) U16 tournament. The U15As played in the Northwood U15 Tournament, KZN Top 10 and the Ian Melliar Cup. Whilst the U14A side participated at the Jeppe Festival, the Hilton U14 Festival, KZN Top 10 and the Northwood U14 Tournament. Those teams are to be commended for their competitive performances, great team spirit and exceptional sportsmanship.

Highlights from these tournaments include:

- Northwood U14 Tournament – Silver Medal
- DHS U16 Tournament – 16A Bronze Medal
- Ian Melliar Cup U15 Tournament – Bronze Medal
- Northwood U15 Tournament – Bronze Medal
- KZN Top 10 Schools – 14A Bronze Medal
- KZN Top 10 Schools – 15A Gold Medal
- KZN Top 10 Schools – 1st Team Silver Medal
- KZN Top 10 Schools – Overall Winners Trophy
- St Stithians Stayers Tournament 1st Team – Silver Medal

Numerous Hilton players were selected for various KZN Schools and SA teams. A huge congratulations to these players for their efforts:

- KZN U14A Team: Sebastian Laudenberg, Ndalo Moyo, Musawenkosi Mponda, Garrick Phillips and Andrew Schnell
- KZN U15A Team: Trent Chubb, Mitchel Garreau, Robbie

Hayward, Joshua Kok, Thomas Taylor and Matthew Thomas

- KZN U16A Team: Meyer Malherbe, Retief Malherbe and Mitchel Wilson
- KZN U19B Team: Jono Bregman Frangos and Jordan Hein
- KZN U19A Team: Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert and Stefan Swart
- KZN U18A Currie Cup: Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert, Stefan Swart and Benji Watt
- South Africa U16A: Meyer Malherbe and Mitchel Wilson
- South Africa U17A Team: Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert and Stefan Swart

A special farewell to a long-standing member of the water polo coaching staff, Mr Brad Anderson, who gave 21 years of passionate commitment to the club. Thanks also to all the coaches and staff for their invaluable contribution.

### Andrew Duncan

*Director of Water Polo*

### 1st team

**Regular players:** *Tanner Bailey, Jono Bregman-Frangos, Murray Brink, Cameron Gray (captain), Jack Hampson, Matthew Hayes, Jordan Hein, Oliver Lello, Caine Letschert, Dean Macleod-Henderson, Meyer Malherbe, Retief Malherbe, Hanu Pieterse, Stefan Swart, Ross Taylor, Jack Waterhouse, Benjamin Watt, Mitchel Wilson*

The season began with the usual pre-season camp in January, quickly followed by the St Andrew's College Shield



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Tournament in Grahamstown. After some strong performances against the likes of Selborne College, Paul Roos Gymnasium, Pearson High School and Woodridge College in the pool stages, the team came unstuck against Clifton School in the quarter final. After rematches against Selborne College and Paul Roos Gymnasium the team ended the tournament in sixth place.

Later in the 1st term, the team participated in the King Edward VI School Tournament. Drawn into a difficult group, and despite the competitive performances against Jeppe Boys High School, Rondebosch Boys High School and Clifton School, the team were unable to make it through to the quarter finals. Although disappointed, the team showed real character to finish strongly with wins over Pretoria Boys High School, King Edward VI School and Grey High School to finish ninth overall and win the Plate Trophy.

Later in the year, the second half of the season saw the team participate in three more tournaments: Clifton Tournament, Top 10 Tournament, and the Saints Stayers Tournament. At the Clifton Tournament the team performed admirably against Pearson High School, Glenwood High School and King Edward VI School to book a place in the quarter final against Paul Roos Gymnasium. The team lost narrowly but bounced back with gutsy wins over Westville Boys High School and Grey High School to finish fifth overall.

At the KZN Schools Top 10 Tournament the team went on a rampage, remaining unbeaten in their matches against Glenwood High School, Durban High School, Maritzburg College, Westville Boys High School and Michaelhouse to book their spot in their first final. The final was a tough encounter against an accomplished Clifton School outfit, the team put in an admirable performance and finished in second place overall.

The Saints Stayers tournament continued with another hot streak, where the team overcame all-comers (Jeppe Boys High School, Reddam House Constantia, Kingswood College, Rondebosch Boys High School, St Andrew's College and St John's College) to reach their first national tournament final. This was an incredible achievement in itself, but unfortunately the team weren't able to replicate previous performances against an organized and experienced SACS squad. The team finished in second place overall.

Apart from the tournaments, the team was also involved in several local matches. They successfully overcame Kearsney College, Maritzburg College, Westville Boys High School, Durban High School, Northwood High School and Michaelhouse to win six out of seven regular school fixtures.

Several players achieved further honors:

KZN U18A Team (Currie Cup) – Jonathan Bregman-Frangos, Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert and Benjamin Watt.

KZN U16A Team (IPT) – Meyer Malherbe, Retief Malherbe and Mitchel Wilson.

KZN U19B Team (IPT) – Jonathan Bregman-Frangos, Jordan Hein and Dean Macleod-Henderson.

KZN U19A Team (IPT) – Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert and Stefan Swart.

South Africa U16 Team (Cadet World Championships) – Meyer Malherbe and Mitchel Wilson.

South Africa U17 Team (EU Nations Cup – Silver Medal) – Matthew Hayes, Caine Letschert and Stefan Swart.

Thank you to all the coaches, parents and players for a successful and enjoyable year of water polo in 2022.

**Tanner Bailey:** Tanner has the body positioning and technique that make him a formidable goalkeeper. His keen eye and outlet pass resulted in many successful counterattacks over his tenure. Tanner's commitment to training hard, and willingness to work for the team has always stood out.

**Jono Bregman-Frangos:** Jono is gifted with technical ability and anticipation. His keen eye for opportunity and threat allow him to play a pivotal role in the team system and cover a number of different positions.

**Murray Brink:** Murray's physical presence and willingness to work for position, offers the team a target man with a physical presence and scoring threat up front. His work ethic and never-say-die attitude make him an invaluable asset to the team.

**Cameron Gray (captain):** Cameron has a natural feel for the game and ability to read threats and opportunities. His high fitness and energy levels, along with his ability to play on the left and right side have allowed him to fulfill a key role in the team. Cameron's commitment and leadership skills have made a significant contribution to the successes of the team and endeared him to his teammates.

**Jack Hampson:** Jack is always a threat on attack with his keen eye for an opportunity and quick release shot. These

attributes coupled with his physical presence and calm demeanor on defence indicate his value to the team.

**Matthew Hayes:** Matthew has an uncanny ability to read the game and the skill to capitalize on any opportunities. His speed and role as a left hander provide the team with an outlet and attacking threat on the right wing. Always competitive and passionate, he is a valued asset to the team.

**Jordan Hein:** Jordan is a target man with the ability to be a physical-scoring threat up front on attack. He is also an immovable center back, as well a deadly shooter from the perimeter. His ability in these two roles illustrate his value to the team.

**Oliver Lello:** Oliver is a physical and versatile player with the ability to play across various positions in the pool. He has an instinct for creating goal-scoring opportunities as well as a physical presence on defence. Oliver is a very competitive player who plays with great passion and has played a key role in the successes of the team.

**Caine Letschert:** Caine's instinct to score goals means that he is an ever-present threat on attack. This gives our team a target man with a physical presence. It also forces the opposition to drop onto him and allows our attack an opportunity to score from other positions. Always competitive and passionate, he is a valued asset to the team.

**Dean Macleod-Henderson:** Dean's wingspan and keen eye for the ball allow for superb shot-stopping ability. His outlet pass also enables the team to capitalize on the counterattack. His passion and energy make him a valued member of the team.

**Meyer Malherbe:** Meyer is gifted with a keen understanding of the game. His ability to read threats and opportunities allow him to play across multiple positions successfully. A calm defensive demeanor and deadly shot make him a valued member of the team.

**Retief Malherbe:** Retief is a versatile player with a keen



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sense of the game and good technical ability. His mobility and timing are real strengths. His commitment and work ethic make him a valued member of the team.

**Hanu Pieterse:** Hanu is a player with a good physical presence and good shot from the perimeter. His willingness to work hard and bring good energy to the team make him a valuable member of the team.

**Stefan Swart:** Stefan is a physical centre-back with high levels of fitness. This is ideal for his position which requires strong defence and the ability to counter-attack. He also possesses a strong shot and acute game awareness. His tireless work ethic make him a valued member of the team.

**Ross Taylor:** Ross is a versatile player with a keen understanding of the game. He has the ability to bring a new energy and tempo to a game with his instinct for attacking opportunities. His commitment to the team, and his capacity to bring an electric energy to training have been key to the team's successes.

**Jack Waterhouse (vice-captain):** Jack is a physical and versatile player with the ability to play across multiple positions in the pool. He has a powerful shot and has a physical presence on defence, which make him a double threat in the pool. Jack's leadership skills and enthusiasm in taking challenges head-on have been invaluable and contributed to the success of the team.

**Benjamin Watt:** Benjamin is a physical and versatile player with the ability to play on the left and right side of the pool. He has a natural instinct for the game and an uncanny ability to read defensive threats and identify goal-scoring opportunities. He is a very competitive player whose passion and enthusiasm have impacted positively on the team.

**Mitchel Wilson:** Mitchel is an energetic player with a keen sense of the game. His ability to read play and utilize that for counter-attack or driving opportunities allows him to increase the tempo of a match. He also possesses a knack for picking the right pass to set up other teammates. All these qualities make him a valuable teammate.

**Jason Sileno**  
*Coach*



## 2nd team

**Regular players:** *Troy Bailey, Ryan Basson, Nick Bregman-Frangos, Jack Hampson, Ashton Haslam, Jordan Hein, Oliver Joyner, Tim King, Ben Kok, Oliver Mattison, Dylan Neill, Brendan Nieuwstad, Hanu Pieterse, Jarrod Siddall, Luke Spear, Josh Snyman, Connor Woods*

The 2nd team experienced a phenomenal season in 2022. We got off to a flying start with 11-8 and 13-2 wins over Kearsney College and Westville Boys High, respectively. With some early game time under the belt, the team headed off to Port Elizabeth to compete in the most prestigious 2nd team water polo tournament in the country, hosted at Pearson High School.

After an unbeaten run in the pool stages, we were drawn to face Paul Roos Gymnasium in the semi finals, which was expected to be a tightly contested affair. With important goal contributions from our matrices, Ryan Basson, Jarrod Siddal and Tim King, we managed to secure a spot in the tournament's final against Rondebosch Boys High School from the Western Cape. Unfortunately, we did not have enough in the tank to overcome the Cape school, but the weekend was a great success overall. We brought home a silver medal and Jordan Hein was awarded the defender of the tournament accolade.

The remainder of the season saw us continue the KZN league as we tried to remain undefeated in our province. A narrow 4-7 loss to Clifton College late in the year unfortunately meant that the dream of an unbeaten season for this talented group of athletes would fall out of reach. But this does not take away from the accomplishments this group has achieved throughout the year, including a double over our rivals from Balgowan.

A massive thank you to all the parents for their support, as well as to Mr Andrew Duncan and Mr Jason Sileno for the ongoing dedication to developing this team and the water polo club. I look forward to what is in store for the second water polo team in 2023.

**Cameron Wiid**  
*Coach*

## 3rd

**Regular players:** *Jon Braithwaite, James Cole, Michàl de Beer, Thomas Dyer, Luke Hancock, Daniel Hathorn, Jack Herman, Harry Jarvie, Ben le Roux, Michael Lillie, Angus Loughor-Clarke, Adolf Lüderitz (captain), Ruben Marx, Caleb McDonald, Dylan Neill, Brendan Nieuwstad, HJ Pienaar, Sean Ritchie, Connor Segar, Luke Spear, Jordan Udal*

The team was characterized by their commitment to practises and to improving.

The success of the team cannot be attributed to any one player, but to the team as a whole. A combination of skill, aggressive attack and defence made the 3rd team the success that it was.

The loss to Westville Boys was unexpected and the team realised that they were better than their performance in the pool, and went on to play some sublime water polo in the remaining matches during the term. Of their seven matches played in the first term, this was their only loss. Adolf Luderitz captained the team superbly and led by example always encouraging others when not in the pool. The encouragement and camaraderie displayed by the team served as an example to many other teams and sport codes in the school and there was a distinct aura of brotherhood amongst the boys.

With the majority of matrics not playing sport in the fourth term, it provided an opportunity for others to experience playing at a higher and greater intensity. They did the school proud winning four of the six matches played, with Clifton College outswimming and beating the team on two occasions.

Practices were at times difficult with most of the boys having to attend pre-season sport and the weather (several practices had to be cancelled due to lightning), nevertheless, come match day the boys put in determined performances.

**Michael Werth**  
Coach

#### 4th team

**Regular players:** Jordan Benians, Jon Braithwaite, Oscar Bredenkamp, Buthulwazi Buthelezi, James Cole, James Daniels, Jarod du Plessis, Luke Hancock, Daniel Hathorn, Alex Hayward, Jonathan Horak, Campbell Ivins, Ben le Roux, Angus Loughor-Clarke, Ethan McCabe, James Morrison, Dylan Neill, Tom Peattie, Noah Ravalomanana, Sean Ritchie, Matt Sara, Charlie Short, Ross Short, Jordan Udal, Chris Wanless

Enjoying an unbeaten season, the 4th team played some exceptional water polo, with notable victories against Kearsney College, Maritzburg College and Michaelhouse. From the start of the year, with the matrics, to the end of the year without the matrics, the 4th team was a force to be reckoned with.

I look forward to coaching the 4th team next year. I have no doubt the boys will bring the same enthusiasm and "gees" they had this year. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these young men, each of them displaying true sportsmanship and a love for the game.

**Richard Garrett**  
Coach

#### 5th team

**Regular players:** Oliver Chapple, Kenyu Chiang, James Daniels, James Dent, Jack Guy, Riley Lindsay, Ewan Miskin, Lee Singh

The 2022 season for the 5th water polo team was quite thin from a match perspective. Very few schools have the

number of open teams that Hilton College has. Playing only five fixtures in the first term, the team performed excellently with four wins and one draw with 47 goals for and 24 against. The new, younger players that entered the open age group in 2022 did well to get involved and increase the performance overall.

The fourth term presented an opportunity for us to fine tune our training programme. Not having any fixtures allowed us to focus on specifics, such as zone defence systems, passing and shooting drills, general fitness and legwork.

I look forward to watching the players in this team progress during their senior years and I am confident that many of them will play for higher teams in 2023.

**Chris Carey**  
Coach

#### Junior Mixed

**Regular players:** Nick Dalrymple, Siba Dlamini, Charles Fawcett, Alex Hathorn, Riley Lindsay, James Lyon, Patrick Mosimakoko, Khetsa Motsa, Uyapo Ndwapi, Finn Santos, Xander Schlebusch, Tele Sitoyo, David Sutton, Zac Sweidan, James Youens

The Junior Mixed water polo team had a fantastic, unbeaten, year-end season. I congratulate the boys for their victories against Durban High School (10-0), Michaelhouse (7-4 & 5-3) and Clifton School (5-4), and for showing grit in the closely contested match against Northwood that resulted in a 6-6 draw.

The 2022 Junior Mixed team had an incredibly successful season. Although most of our training time was spent tracking electrical storms that only Hilton can expect – and as a result having several shortened practices – when it came time to perform in the pool, the boys played with guts, determination, and a high level of sportsmanship. They showed respect for both their teammates and opponents, and are commended on winning their matches with humility; never forgetting their manners.



It has been a pleasure to coach this team; not only to see them grow in skill and fitness but to learn more about them as individuals outside of the classroom environment. I hope they too enjoyed their season and I wish them all the best in their future water polo endeavours.

**Lara Rogers**  
Coach

## U16A

**Regular players:** *Troy Bailey, Nicholas Bregman-Frangos, Trent Chubb, Mitchel Garreau, Robbie Hayward, Joshua Kok, Retief Malherbe, Meyer Malherbe, Oliver Mattison, Joshua Snyman, Thomas Taylor, Matthew Thomas*

Every year a group of U16 players get together for a once-off tournament at DHS. This year, Hilton travelled down to Durban to defend the trophy which we won last year. We got off to a great start topping our pool after beating Northwood 11-0, and St Stithians 8-7. We met St Benedict's College in the quarterfinals managing to overcome them 11-5. Unfortunately, we lost to Clifton in the semifinals, however the boys showed courage and determination as they bounced back nicely in the bronze medal match to beat the hosts DHS 11-8.

Of the five games they played, the team won four and lost one. It was a pleasure coaching this group of young men.

**Andrew Duncan**  
Coach

## U15A

**Regular players:** *Trent Chubb, Xavier Enslin, Mitchell Garreau, Robbie Hayward, Luke Herman, Joshua Kok, Kego Maseko, Thomas Taylor, Matthew Thomas, Keiran Janse van Rensburg, Reinard Wagner*

The 2022 season was a memorable one for this talented group of water polo players. Having bagged a trophy and



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two bronze medals during the season, these boys can reflect on many a proud moment, in and out of the water. Of the 28 games they played, the team suffered only two losses, both against teams that would eventually be crowned champions in national tournaments.

Highlights of the season include an exciting no-look goal by Mitchell Garreau in the dying seconds of the Ian Melliar Cup semi final to take the game to a penalty shootout. Unfortunately, we did not have enough to overcome the Selbourne College side in the shootout. But some vital lessons were learned in this encounter which allowed us to bring the bronze medal home after a convincing 11-3 win in the 3rd/4th playoff against a physical Paul Roos Gymnasium side.

With the experience gained in this tournament as well as throughout the year, we managed to come out victorious at the annual Top 10 schools water polo tournament where we were crowned champions in KwaZulu-Natal for the second year in a row.

It gave me great pleasure to be a part of this team and to accomplish the objectives we set at the beginning of the year. Thank you to Mr Andrew Duncan and Mr Jason Sileno for their constant encouragement and their investment in this group. A massive thank you to all the parents for all that they did behind the scenes to contribute to our success this season.

I look forward to watching the progression of these athletes as they move into the senior ranks and showcase their talents at the next level.

**Cameron Wiid**  
Coach

## U15B

**Regular players:** *Griffin Barnes, Oliver Chapple, Kenyu Chiang, James Dent, Morne Engelbrecht, Jack Guye, Bryce Johnson, Ewan Miskin, Dominic Richards, Lee Singh, Alex Wesselink*

The U15B team had a short but wonderful season. Unfortunately, not many schools in KwaZulu-Natal have a

B team in the junior age group, so we had two filler fixtures during the term. St Charles and Glenwood didn't have teams for us to play, so we played the St Anne's U14A team and lost 8-9, and Michaelhouse, and lost 2-10.

The highlight of the season was the team's last three games. We played Clifton in Durban on a cold and rainy day, coming away with an 8-1 victory. We also played Northwood and beat them 10-5. The second-to-last game was against Michaelhouse at home. After losing 2-10 to them a few weeks before we trained hard and came up with a 3-3 draw. The boys showed incredible grit and effort.

I am very proud of this team and wish them a successful future in water polo.

**Matthew Fairweather**  
*Coach*

## U14A

**Regular players:** Caleb Barradas, Daniel Barradas, Kai Dreyer, Oliver Jarvie, Callan Kenmuir, Sebastian Laudenberg, Matthew Mattison, Musawenkosi Mponda, Ndalo Moyo, Garrick Phillips, William Segar, Andrew Schnell

It was a pleasure to coach this group of young men. The team was prepared to train hard at practices which translated into some very pleasing results throughout the year. In Term 1 the team enjoyed the local KZN season yielding wins against Westville, St Charles, Maritzburg College and Durban High School. The team traveled up to the Jeppe Festival in Johannesburg where they produced some impressive results against KES, Grey College and St Stithians. The first term culminated in a narrow loss to



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Michaelhouse, however, the wheel would turn as this U14 team grew from strength to strength.

In the 3rd and 4th terms, this group of boys really started to gain momentum. They defeated Michaelhouse at the Northwood Tournament, where they picked up a silver medal and lost to Kearsney in the final. At the Hilton U14 Festival they beat Jeppe, Westville, Paul Roos and St Johns. At the KZN Top 10 tournament they would finish third fending off a strong Clifton team.

The season ended with a fixture against Michaelhouse which ended in a 3-3 draw.

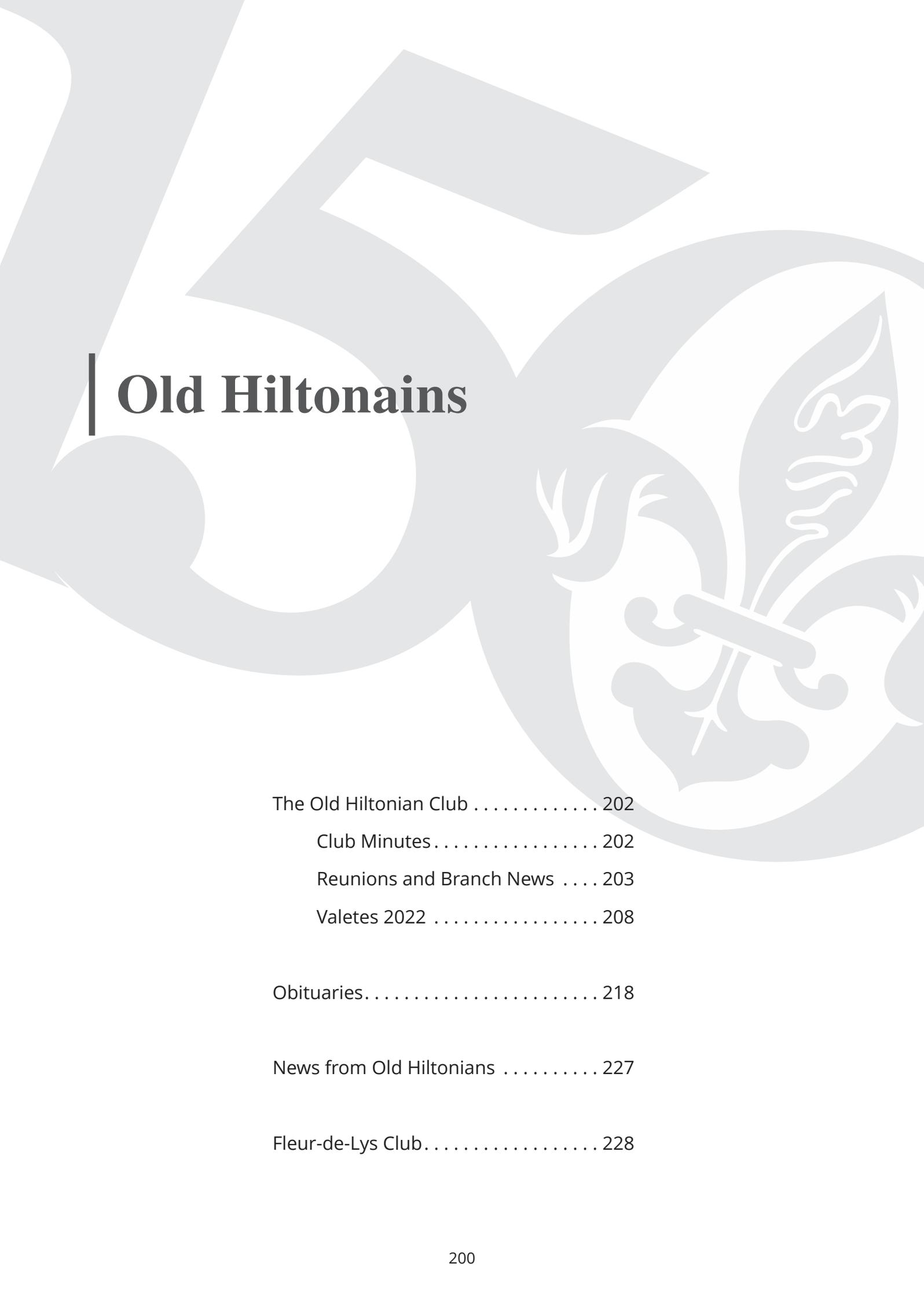
In summary, the team played 45 games, of which they won 30, drew two and lost 13.

Thanks to Cameon Wiid for his assistance during the season.

**Andrew Duncan**  
*Coach*



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# The Old Hiltonian Club

OLD BOYS AND FRIENDS OF HILTON COLLEGE

## Club Minutes

**Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Old Hiltonian Club held online on Saturday, 11 June 2022 at 10h00**

### PRESENT

Anton Jooste (chairman), George Harris (headmaster), 14 members present online, two members present by proxy, Brett South (company secretary) and four members of staff.

### APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from three members.

### DEVOTIONS

The headmaster recited the school prayer.

### NOTICE, WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Notice of the meeting having been duly given, and there being more than the minimum of seven members present as provided for in clause 16.1 of the constitution, the 130th meeting was declared open.

Welcome was extended to the honorary president and vice presidents as well as to members and guests. Apologies as recorded above were noted.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The chairman reported that the minutes of the AGM held on 5 June 2021, having been available for inspection at the secretary's office during normal office hours, were taken as read, and there being no amendments they were unanimously approved and adopted as a true record of proceedings. There were no matters arising.

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary annual financial statements of the club for the year ended 31 December 2021, together with the independent auditor's report, having been circulated with the notice of the meeting, were regarded as having been tabled and were taken as read. As no comments, queries or objections had been received the annual financial statements of the club were unanimously approved and adopted.

### AUDITORS

Messrs GC Ford & Co were unanimously re-appointed as the auditors to the club for the ensuing financial year.

### ELECTION

There being no other nominations for election received, the following Old Hiltonians were re-elected as members of the national committee for a further year.

A Jooste  
J Eustace  
D Farrell  
T Dube  
T Webber  
S Mafereka  
M Salgado  
I Mayet

The chairman noted the retirement of Mr Ari Seirlis having served his full term on the committee and expressed sincere thanks for his notable contribution over the years.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The chairman's report as circulated with the notice of the meeting was tabled and taken as read. He, however, highlighted the tragic loss of Mr Karabo Mokoape during the year and advised that a prize to be awarded at Speech Day had been established in his name.

Recognition was paid to both the academic and sports staff for their hard work with all the boys, and for the achievements flowing therefrom both in the classroom and on the sports field.

The careful stewardship of the school's finances under Mrs Kim Martin was noted, together with the significant achievements of the advancement team led by Mr Peter Storrar, with particular reference to the success of the 150th celebrations.

On behalf of the club, thanks were extended to the board, the headmaster, Mr South, and members of the school's executive for their support and assistance that were given to the club and the school during the year, especially

during the Covid pandemic strictures and associated rigors.

Recognition and thanks were extended to all benefactors and donors, past and present, for their generosity. Particular thanks were recorded for the generous benefaction towards the new Music Centre by Mr Dawie Chamberlain and to Mr Stephen Crookes for the relocation and rebuilding of the pipe organ. Regarding school fee assistance, the ongoing generosity of Mr Andrew Dunn was recorded.

Finally, as this AGM marks the end of Advocate Alistair Franklin's tenure as a board member and chairman of the board, the chairman, on behalf of the club, extended thanks to him for his exceptional stewardship of the society over the past seven years, and, also, to the society's deputy chairman, Mr Chris Tod, for his valuable assistance and support.

#### HEADMASTER'S REPORT

The headmaster's report, as circulated and tabled, was taken as read. In commenting thereon, the headmaster extended sincere thanks on behalf of the school to Mr Jooste and all who played a pivotal role in ensuring that the 150th celebrations were successful.

He advised that, on the academic front, 2022 will be the first year that there is an A-Level Cambridge cohort of

approximately 25 pupils out of a total of 120 pupils, who selected this option with AS-Levels in 2021. The A-Level option will now be offered in Grade 10 and should be particularly appealing to foreign pupils and those intending to study overseas. The staffing and operations of the school, post the Covid-19 pandemic disruptions, are stable and returning to pre-Covid normality. He concluded by extending both his personal and the school's thanks and appreciation to Adv Franklin for all his assistance and support over the past few years.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Responding to a question from Mr David Heenan, the chairman advised that the celebrations had generated some benefaction already but there were also other significant commitments and pledges in the process of being brought to fruition. The Lift Up Your Hearts funding initiative for general endowment remains the most pressing need, yet it is one that is not always easy to secure funding for, as many donors wish to specify the intended use of their donation. Nevertheless, there are several sizeable pledges towards the general endowment.

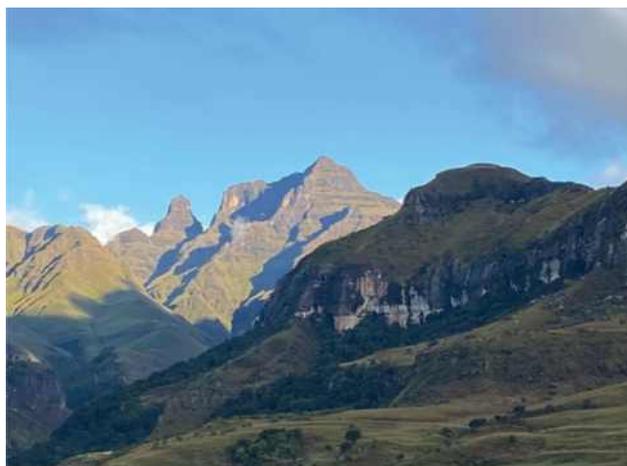
There being no other business, the meeting was closed at 10h40.



## Reunions and Branch News

### 50-year reunion – Class of 1971/72

It was with great joy that a number of us set out two years ago thinking about the 150th year and what special events could be organised. Rusty Barnes, a true gentleman, came up with the idea of a joint celebration for the classes of 1971 and 1972 and to meet at Cathedral Peak Hotel. The class of 1971 didn't meet for their 50th in 2021 due to Covid restrictions, and as many of the class of 1971



returned to Hilton for post-matric and the centenary year, we decided this was the way forward. Very special thanks to William and Belinda van der Riet for opening up Cathedral Peak Hotel to us. It is a remarkable place!

Most of us checked in on Monday 25 April and the next couple of days were most memorable, filled with walks and talks, getting to know each other after 50 years. Charles and Jen Mooney joined us from New Zealand; Ken and Rhian Greene, Roger and Camilla Matthews, Rich and Caroline Wood and Rich and Marguerite MacLean from the UK; Paul and Pauline Bentley from Zimbabwe; and Paul Dobson from Zambia. In all we had 22 couples and five singles, with guests of honour in Rob and Julia van Heerden. Rob, with his famous harmonica and stories, kept us chuckling for hours.

The event at Cathedral Peak started with drinks in the pub before dinner. The overseas lads gave a short rendition of their life journeys followed by an excellent speech by Rob van Heerden on Leigh Reilly. Leigh was due to join us but had been undergoing cancer treatment. Rob reminded us of many lovely stories about Leigh, who held the fastest time in the world for 1500m in his age group in 1971.

On Tuesday 26 April most of the group headed off into the Berg for some magnificent walks and camaraderie. That night we enjoyed an excellent sheep on the spit at the Cathedral Peak Golf Club House, overlooking Cathedral Peak. What fun it was to catch up with everyone and share stories.

A few of the group stayed on at the hotel on Wednesday 27 April for more long walks and to soak up the Drakensberg atmosphere.

The 50th reunion dinner was held at Fern Hill Hotel in Howick the following night. We welcomed numerous folk who had not been able to be at Cathedral Peak. We enjoyed the company of John Conyngham and Andrew Cook, the heads of school for 1972 and 1973, respectively. We toasted friends who were not able to make it and those who have gone before us (far too many)! Rusty and Andrew gave us a special rendition of Rusty's cricket bowling action followed by his Pabby Bould gymnastics skills. What a star!

Friday was recovery day, with a bunch of us wandering around Hilton's grounds, enjoying the atmosphere of our great school.

Saturday, the Hilton/Michaelhouse day, was a highlight! What an absolute pleasure watching so much sport (hockey and rugby) and great that the results of the day were evenly spread between the two schools. The crowd watching the 1st XV match was enormous. We thought the Hilton/Michaelhouse crowds in our day were big. Big doesn't describe it! It was special to reminisce that the first Hilton/Michaelhouse fixture played in the centenary year was played on a miserable cold, sleet affected day, with our 1st XV beating Michaelhouse against the odds.

Many of us in the 1st XV took part in The Mikado that night, and what a show that was.

It was a wonderful gathering of many of the 1971/72 lads and their wives. Thanks to Rusty and Di for all their hard work in making this possible. Looking forward to the 60th!



*Andrew Bruce, Tim Greg, Charles Mooney and John Conyngham.*



*Rob Newborn, Rob van Heerden, Mike Goodman, Rich Wood and Viv Turner.*



*William van der Riet, Bobby Hall, Alison Hall, Marguerite MacLean, Rich MacLean, Rich Wood, Di Barnes, Rusty Barnes, Matt Carlisle and Jeannette Carlisle.*



*The walking group.*



*Our beautiful ladies.*



*Dave Turner and Rich MacLean with Paul Dobson, who has subsequently passed away. RIP Dobo!*

### 35-year reunion - Class of 1987

On 28 April 2022, the Class of 87 gathered at Garlington Restaurant in Hilton.

*Rob Pepworth, Don McKenzie, Andy Mackenzie, Andrew Crookes, Christian Murman, Chris Green, Lloyd Meaker, Lloyd Rowlands, Matthew Johnstone, Steve Church, Willy James, Frank Hull, Andrew Kennedy, Kelly Winfield, Walter Bastard and Dave Bass.*



### 30-year reunion - Class of 1992

On 29 April 2022, the Class of 1992 had its 30-year reunion at Harrington House in Hilton.



*Nick van der Watt, Graham Thorburn and Beanhead Beauclerk.*



*Paul Walters, Jeremy Cole, Rad Mazery and Bruce Turvey at the rugby at Hilton.*



*Brent Harris, Dino Peros and Bruce Turvey.*



*Andrew Asherson, Grant Bodley, Oliver Youens. Paul sank a hole-in-one on the 11th. He is still grinning!*



*Celebrating the win! (Back row) Brian Jervis, Brent Harris, Greg Fox, Half-a-Gibbo, Half-a-Mazery, Brendon Purbrick, Barry Trevor-Robers, Jon Ronbeck and Graeme Thorburn. (Front row) Simon Crewe, Jem Coal, Neil Hodgkiss, Paul Marshall, Oliver Youens and Dino Peros.*



*Brent Harris, Duncan Turner and Tavis Cairns.*



*Rick Kinvig, Aymeric Ozoux, Matthew Beauclerk, Paul Marshall, Oliver Youens and Darryck Luiz.*

## 60-year reunion – Class of 1962 and 1963

On 29 April 2022, a 60-year reunion was held at the Fern Hill Hotel in Howick. The reunion kicked off with a lunch at the Cameron Pavilion.

*The 60-year reunion group with partners at the Cameron Pavilion.*



*Standing from the left: Martin Forsyth-Thompson, Tiger Wessels (1962 head of school), Ian Fannin, John Davies, Malcolm Glennie, Ian Fyvie, Rod Tweedie, Pat Eustace, Dorian Harcourt-Baldwin, Chris Egberink, Peter Jackson, John Otto, Graham Armstrong, Rae Stewart, Phil Barnard, Peter Hassard, Ant Hardingham  
Seated: Brian Attwood-Smith, Ian Stewart, Ian Anderson, Dawie Chamberlain*

## Kloof Branch

On 27 August 2022, the Kloof branch hosted a very successful event at the Kloof Country Club. The guest of honour was the Mayor of Umgeni Chris Pappas (2009, Churchill) who was an excellent speaker and Old Hiltonians appreciated the opportunity to meet with him.

*KZN Branch Chairman Adam Oldfield (1999, Falcon), 150<sup>th</sup> Co-ordinator Brett Armstrong (1983, Pearce), Old Hiltonian Bongzi Nsindane (2003, McKenzie)*



*Guest Speaker Mayor and Old Hiltonian Chris Pappas.*

## United Kingdom Branch Events 17-18 November 2022

Old Hiltonians in the United Kingdom got together in November for their annual Old Hiltonian dinner and drinks. They enjoyed the company of the headmaster, George Harris, who provided an overview of the school and the 150th year.

The dinner was at St Martin's House in London on Thursday, 17 November 2022, and the following night they gathered for drinks and snacks at The Fable in London.

Speaking to the importance of such events, chairman of the UK branch, Simon Ellis (2009, Ellis), encouraged Old Hiltonians to continue to connect and to appreciate the Hiltonian community. "Let's use this wonderful community to revive old friendships and create a sense of belonging," he said.



*All the attendees at the Old Hiltonian Branch dinner.*

## Hilton Michaelhouse Gauteng Old Hiltonians Golf Day

Old Hiltonians in Gauteng got together for a round of golf at the Country Club in Johannesburg in late November. The Hilton Michaelhouse Old Boys Golf Day dates back to 1974. The tournament was created to reignite the fierce rivalry that has simmered between our two schools since our first experience of those unforgettable afternoons on Gilfillan and Meadows. Depending on how old the "boy", such athletic sports as rugby are too much for one's lower back, knees, elbows etc, but thankfully most of us can still swing a club with mixed results, and a flagon in celebration or consolation thereafter!

The golf day is a fantastic opportunity to relive fond memories, share cherished stories, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. All of this occurs during a brutal competition to see who will raise the Hiltonian Trophy at the end of the day. (Bit of a biased name, but it has been with us for many years and, as good traditionalists, we are loath to change it). – Adam Turk (2005, Pearce)



*From left to right: Rob Lovemore (past parent), Adam Turk (2005, Pearce) and Murray Lovemore (2013, Churchill).*



*Adam Turk (2005, Pearce) and Mike Stannard (Michaelhouse).*

**Christopher Bagnall (McKenzie)**

Head of house, Commendation Award (2022), Academic honours (2020), SA men's national golf squad, SA high schools' golf team, KZN schools golf A team, Ekurhuleni Golf Union provincial U19 team, Golfer of the Year, Matchplay champion, Strokeplay champion and 1st seed golfer, Honours for golf, Indoor 5-a-side soccer club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to the University of Notre Dame in USA, to play on the men's golf team. Hilton has allowed me to discover my passions for sport and academics and given me with the platform to excel in both. It has provided me with meaningful and shared experiences with my peers who have become like brothers to me. I'm thankful to be a part of the Hilton community. From the in-classroom discussions, sports practices and exciting weekend fixtures, the experience has been full, and I would not trade it for any other.

**Harry Bailey (Ellis)**

Richard Johnston memorial prize for perseverance in the face of adversity, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), Romeo and Juliet (2021), 2nd team basketball, 5th team hockey, 1st team shooting squad, Photography club, Drone club, e-sports club, Ambassador Award for raising R160 000 for Run for Rangers campaign. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University or UP. Hilton has taught me that inside of you resides the power to accomplish anything you truly desire.

**Tanner Bailey (Ellis)**

Dux scholar (2022), Prizes for Maths, English, Physics, Economics, French and LO (2022), Academic honors

(2022), Head of Academics (2022), 3rd team hockey, 1st team water polo (2021), Bronze President's Award (2020). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Harvard, Brown, or Columbia University.

Hilton has taught me that I can learn from a variety of people. My friends have taught me compassion, trust, and respect. My teachers have taught me discipline, humility, and reliability. Hilton College has taught me that with privilege comes the responsibility to inspire change, whether on a global scale or at a personal level.

**Ryan Basson (Falcon)**

Head of house, Colours for academics (2022), 3rd rugby, 2nd team water polo (captain), Sustainability committee. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at the University of St Andrews in Scotland or the University of Durham in England.

Hilton has taught about who I am. I have seen myself excel in public speaking and grow in self-confidence. Hilton gave me a platform to make mistakes in a safe space, which allowed me to learn and grow.

**Troy Bryson (Lucas)**

Head of arts and development and pastoral care for Lucas, 5th team cricket, 5th rugby, 7th team hockey, 7th team water polo, 3rd team tennis.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to Stellenbosch University to study a BCom before doing a postgraduate degree and starting a business abroad.

Hilton has taught me to be independent and to think critically. I've learnt the importance of keeping your friends close and of making memories with them. I'll always look back on my time at Hilton as the best time of my life.



**Siyabonga Buthelezi (Ellis)**

Head of house, Karl Klingenberg award, Karabo Che Mokoape award, Band Prize (2022), Drimie Scholarship award (2022), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), Funk dance production (2022), Competition Marimba Band captain (2022), Transformation Committee (2021-2022), 1st team soccer captain, 3rd team cricket, 3rd team rugby, 4th team rugby captain (2022), Head of War Cry Band Committee (2022). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study BCom law at the University of Cape Town (UCT) or at the University of Pretoria (UP).

At Hilton I was loved by my friends, dorm mates, housemasters and teachers. I will always be grateful for the love and care I received from my economics teacher, Mrs Hanile Dry. Throughout my time at Hilton, she looked out for me as if I were her own son. At Hilton I learned the importance of being present. My late housemaster Mr Tony Richter and housemaster Mr Burger Nel taught me that to positively impact those around you, you need to be present.

**Jake Carstens (Pearce)**

Form 1 dorm cop, Level 3 leadership award, 1st team cricket vice-captain, Honours for cricket, 1st team hockey, Colours for hockey, 1st team soccer, Colours for golf, Inland U19 Coke week (2022), Dolphins U19 Cubs week winner, KZN U18 1st team fishing (2021), Academic colours (2021).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To play cricket in the UK and study a BSE Business management online.

Hilton taught me that you don't need to be friends with everyone so long as you have a tight pack of close mates. Thanks to Hilton I have friends for life.

**Noah Coffey (Lucas)**

Honours for music (2022), Choir, Vocal ensemble, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (2022), Half colours for music (2021), 4th team basketball, 6th team rugby, 5th team soccer, Photography club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To take a gap year in Australia. Hilton and being a boarder taught me to become independent in all aspects of my life.

**Murray Dahl (Falcon)**

3rd team rugby; 4th team rugby captain, 1st team golf captain (2022), golf sportsmanship award (2020), U16C rugby captain, U15C rugby captain, U14C rugby captain, U14C cricket captain.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: to study a BCom in logistics and SC management at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me independence. Being a boarder and having to take responsibility for myself will stand me in good stead for my future.

**Michal de Beer (Lucas)**

Form one dorm cop, First aid course level 2, 1st team tennis captain, 1st team rugby vice-captain, Top try scorer for 1st team rugby, 2nd team water polo, Academic colours (2021), Academic half colours (2020).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business at a top university overseas.

Hilton has taught me to take the opportunities presented to you.

**Daniel den Bakker (McKenzie)**

1st team hockey, SA U18A hockey (2022), Honours for hockey, Players' Player of the year award (2022), Indoor African All Stars (2021, 2019, 2018), 2nd team soccer, 5th team cricket.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Varsity College and to play hockey abroad.

Hilton has taught me take responsibility for my actions and to hold others accountable for theirs. I've also learnt to be brave and courageous in my own ability.

**Reece Du Toit (Lucas)**

2nd team rugby

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To become a full-time stock trader.

Hilton has taught me how to be independent. I learned how to take care of myself, manage my own schedule, and do my own laundry!

**Thomas Dyer (Lucas)**

1st team rugby captain, Sharks/Craven Week captain (2022), SA Schools captain (2022), 3rd team water polo, Fantasy football, Athletics Victor ludorum (2021)

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To play rugby and study a BCom

Hilton has taught me to live in the moment, whether it's on the rugby field or in between classes. Embrace every second you have because you can never get it back.

**Michael Eales (Falcon)**

7th team rugby, 7th team soccer, 7th team water polo.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: Undecided.

Hilton College has taught me good thought processes and resilience.

**Will Ellis (Churchill)**

Cultural half colours (2022), Cultural Tie (2022), Form 4 dorm cop (2022), 6th team rugby, 7th team rugby captain, Book club, Practical dramatic prize, Romeo and Juliet (2021).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: Quest

Hilton has taught me courage, grit and respect.

**Emeka Ezenwugo (Ellis)**

Dorm cop, Head of Spirituality for Ellis, Head of Community for Ellis, Colours for culture, Bronze President's Award, Silver President's Award, Grade 2 First Aid, Debating, Grade 2 Piano, Leadership award for choir, 2nd team soccer, 3rd team basketball captain, 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study accounting and economics in the United States.

Hilton has taught me that there is no excuse not to be great.

**Henry Fawcett (Ellis)**

4th team cricket, 5th team rugby, 7th team basketball, Shooting.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: Quest

Hilton has taught me to try my best,

**Jonathan Ferguson (Churchill)**

English Olympiad (2022), Debating, Head of conservation

(2022), 5th team rugby captain (2022), 5th team cricket captain (2021, 2022), Natural Science Olympiad (2019), Commendation Prize (2019).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom in investment management at UP.

Hilton has taught me that it is people that make a school great. My friends and teachers like Mr [Nick] Holtzhausen and Mrs [Hanlie] Dry, and coaches like Mr [Paul] Venter. I will never forget Mr [De Wet] Wentzel's wise words.

#### **Charlie Foster (Pearce)**

Head of Jazz Band (2022), Head of Big Band (2022), Competition Marimba Band (2022), 3rd team basketball, Commitment to French prize and Music prize (2022 and 2021), Half colours for culture, Culture Tie (2021), Grade 5 trumpet level and grade 4 drums level (2020).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To pursue my passion for music and sound production.

Hilton has taught me resilience.

#### **Kyle Gilson (McKenzie)**

1st team basketball, Colours for hockey, 1st team hockey, KZN Inland A U18 (2022), KZN Inland non-travelling reserve (2020), KZN Inland A U14 (2018), Choir (2018 and 2019), Bronze President's Award (2019).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To take a gap year to travel. Hilton has taught me to cherish my friends and appreciate those around me. My experience has taught me to follow my passions and see where they take me.

#### **Buhle Gqwaaru (Pearce)**

Evan Brown Prize for IsiZulu, Head of Academics for Pearce, Head of Spirituality for Pearce, 1st team soccer, 2nd team hockey, 3rd team basketball.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study actuarial science at UP, Wits or UCT.

Hilton has taught me the value of hard work and friendship. I will never forget Mr [Michael] Werth, who taught me how to succeed in mathematics. Nor will I forget the memories made with my dorm mates (Luc Benkenstein, Olwethu Kweyama, Kristofer Watt, Kwame Huyberechts, Nicholas Youens, Christopher Harty, Oluhle Thwala, Charlie Foster, Jarrod Siddall, June So, Angus Lougher-Clarke, Luthando Ntshangase, Jake Carstens and Jaiden Wilde).

#### **Cam Gray (Falcon)**

Head of Spirituality for Falcon, Colours for academics (2022), A Levels History Prize (2022), 1st team water polo captain, 1st team golf, 4th team rugby, Half colours for water polo, golf, and swimming.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study law at Durham University.

Hilton has taught me that to make it through bad times you need friends. If you want a meaningful, happy or successful life, ensure the people around you have good intentions and morals.

#### **Justin Green (Lucas)**

Academic honours, AP Maths prize (2022), Maths prize, AP Maths prize (2021), Placed in the top 100 in SA in Maths Olympiad (2022) 6th team soccer, 7th team rugby, Rowing, 1st VII & 2nd IV. Photography, Engineering, IT.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study electronic engineering at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me not to impose limitations on myself.

#### **Ndalo Gumede (Lucas)**

Head of culture for Lucas, Head of War Cry Band, Head of Choir, Head of Vocal Ensemble, Head of Drumming Club, Head of Gumboot Squad, Honours for culture, 3rd team basketball, 5th team rugby, Choral prize (2022), Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod gold certificate (2022), Music prize (2020), Distinction for grade 8 choir Trinity College London.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to a flight school.

Hilton has taught me the importance of surrounding yourself with those who are equally as driven as you. It has also taught me the value of hard work.

#### **Christopher Harty (Pearce)**

Full colours for academics, 4th team cricket captain (2022 and 2021), 7th team rugby captain (2021), 7th team soccer, Understudy to Mr Mhlengi Shezi, the 1st team soccer head coach (2022).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a politics, philosophy and economics degree at UCT

Hilton has taught me many things but perhaps the most valuable things I have learnt are things about myself. The environment and people have allowed me to understand myself and my purpose. My time spent with the Football department and our FA cup victory was an unforgettable experience and I am grateful to all the coaches involved that were kind enough to give me the opportunity. Strong relationships that I have built with certain staff members such as Mr Motsoe have allowed me to mature as a person and receive advice from people I trust and admire.

#### **Ashton Haslam (Newnham)**

Form 1 dorm cop, Level 3 leadership award, Newnham sports rep, 1st team soccer captain, Half colors for soccer, 2nd team water polo, 3rd team rugby captain.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Exeter or Royal Holloway.

Hilton has taught me to be independent and self-sufficient and has equipped me for the future. I remember having to lead a group of boys for more than 50km during the Outdoor Leadership Experience; a daunting task that showed me what I am capable of if I believe in myself.

#### **Tom Haynes (Ellis)**

1st team rugby, 2nd team water polo, DJ Club, Bronze President's Award, Silver President's Award.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business science at UCT.

Hilton has taught me that in life nothing is guaranteed, and you have to work hard and consistently to achieve your goals.

#### **Jack Herman (Falcon)**

Top 5 for A Levels (2021 and 2022), A\* for Cambridge IPQ essay, University of Tokyo online course in astrophysics, Silver President's Award (2021), Gold President's Award (2022), Cooking club,

1st team rugby, 2nd team water polo.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study biomedical

engineering at a college in America.

Hilton has taught me how to relate to people. Being surrounded by the same people every day teaches you to adapt and mature in your relationships. Hilton teaches grit and independence. You quickly realise that you need to put your head down and do things for yourself. In sport, brotherhood is formed as you pull together to get the result, no matter how much effort is required.

#### **Nic Hirschowitz (Falcon)**

Academic half colours

Plans for 2023 and beyond: BSc at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me that time flies and that friendships are the most important thing.

#### **Jonathan Horak (Lucas)**

1st team rugby, 4th team water polo, Fantasy football club, Indoor soccer club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study accounting at Varsity College and do a coaching internship at the Sharks. Hilton has taught me to enjoy the little things and take full advantage of the privilege that we were blessed with. It has also taught me to accept and celebrate everyone's differences and accomplishments.

#### **Alistair Howard (Ellis)**

A Level Geography prize (2022), A Level Biology prize (2022), Head of estate for Ellis, 4th team hockey, 5th team cricket, 5th team water polo, 6th team rugby, 7th team soccer, Selected for the school boy Zambian polo (2021), Fished for Zambia in international competitions (2021 and 2022), DJ club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business and environmental management at the University of Exeter. Hilton has taught me appreciation. The day I entered the McKenzie Gates, I realized that my time here would be unforgettable.

#### **Kwame Huyberegts (Pearce)**

Rahmani prize for commitment to French (2022), 1st team basketball, Most Improved Basketball Player (2022), 4th team soccer captain, 6th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to university in Belgium. Hilton has taught me to appreciate all that I have and that circumstances are temporary. I'm grateful to my housemaster, Mr [James] Bullough, who always reminded us to appreciate what we have at Hilton College. I'm also thankful to Mr Fairweather who played a big role in my development and maturity. He was strict but fair and would never hold anything against you. I love nothing more than a good laugh, but Mr Fairweather taught me that there is a time to laugh and a time to be serious.

#### **Campbell Immelman (McKenzie)**

Dorm cop, 1st team shooting captain, 4th team basketball, 7th team rugby, E Sports Club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to Stellenbosch University to study a BCom accounting or a BSc environmental science.

Hilton has taught me social skills. Every year, more than 100 new boys join the school, and with that comes a change in the power structure. And every year, you change in how you relate to the other boys and to the staff. You mature and develop more connections and strengthen the

bonds you have with people. I've been taught to learn and to better myself.

#### **Campbell Ivins (Churchill)**

Dorm cop, Level 2 leadership award, Colours for academics, Colours for culture, Visual Arts Award, 1st team tennis, Half colours for tennis, 1st team Fishing, Leader of the fishing club (2022), 3rd team rugby, 4th team soccer, 5th team water polo, 5th team cricket, 7th team basketball.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business at UCT or Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me how to interact with different people and to make friendships that last. I've learnt to be myself, and how to manage myself and my time. I've learnt what I enjoy doing, from fishing, art and sports to feeling accomplished when having achieved my goals.

#### **Ayaan Jakhura (Lucas)**

Colours for academics (2022), Bronze President's Award, Silver President's Award, 4th team cricket, 4th team hockey, 7th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study civil engineering at the University of Manchester.

Hilton has taught me how to be myself. I am thankful for my friendship with Jaiden Wilde, Campbell Ivins, Jake Carstens and Kieran Kilmartin, who are like brothers to me.

#### **Felix Jenkins (Newnham)**

Honours for academics, Bronze President's Award, 1st team squash captain, 5th team cricket, 6th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study experimental psychology at Oxford, Durham or St Andrews. Hilton has taught me to take charge of my life, especially when I've got a lot going on.

#### **Tsakani "TK" Khoza (McKenzie)**

2nd team basketball, 3rd team soccer, Indoor soccer, 4th team hockey.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study abroad.

#### **Kieran Kilmartin (McKenzie)**

Half colours for cricket and football, 1st team cricket vice-captain (2022), 1st team fishing, 1st team soccer, Indoor football club, 3rd team rugby captain.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study in Ireland and play cricket.

Hilton has taught me that there is nothing like a small group of guys who you know and have your back.

#### **Tim King (Ellis)**

Colours for marimba band, Competition marimba band, Prestige band, 2nd team hockey, 2nd team water polo vice-captain, 4th team soccer captain, DJ club, Silver President's Award, Level 2 leadership.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To do property studies at UCT. Hilton has taught me self-discipline and time management, and the value of hard work.

#### **Anastasios "Taso" Kruger (Lucas)**

Ambassador Award (2022), Level 2 leadership award (2022), Form 1 dorm cop, Spirit of Rowing Award (2022),

4th team rugby, 5th team rugby vice-captain.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study next year.  
Hilton has taught me brotherhood.

#### **Khumo Kwakwa (Falcon)**

School war cry leader, 2nd team basketball captain, 3rd team soccer, 7th team rugby, top 7 in academics in grade 11, founder of the pick-up basketball team, Platinum Reading Award in grade 8.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study economics at New York University or another university on the east side of the United States.

Hilton has taught me the power of collaboration as well as the art of listening.

#### **Olwethu Kweyama (Pearce)**

Paul Harrison Scholar, Zulu prize (2022), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), 1st team cricket, 1st team rugby, 1st team soccer, KZN Inland Cricket U19A (2021), Cooking club, Ambassador Award.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at UP or UCT.

Hilton has taught me to appreciate privilege. My time here has been humbling. With privilege comes responsibility to always give back and to take every opportunity with the right attitude. I've also learnt to not be afraid of trying.

#### **Tshiamo Lehomo (Newnham)**

3rd team hockey, 3rd team soccer, 4th team basketball.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at the University of Leeds.

Hilton has taught me that I am control of my current situation. To add, Hilton has shown me that the experiences which I face in my life are a direct result of my choices. This has most especially been shown to me by my performance in academics, which was not always been outstanding, but can be improved significantly if I make the choice to apply myself and remain focused in my academics.

#### **Oliver Lello (Falcon)**

Honours for academics, 1st team rugby, 1st team water polo, Colours for rugby and water polo, KZN water polo, SA water polo squad.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study engineering at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that hard work always pays off. A dream doesn't become a reality through magic. If you outwork the person you were yesterday, you'll outcompete the people around you.

#### **Michael Lillie (Falcon)**

Physical Science Olympiad (Silver), 3rd team water polo, 5th team rugby

Plans for 2023 and beyond: Undecided

Hilton has taught me mathematics.

#### **Travis Lord (McKenzie)**

AP English Prize, Romeo and Juliet (2021), Midsummer Night's Dream (2020), 5th team basketball, 7th team rugby, Golf club, Cooking club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study law at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me to appreciate those around me. After

losing a dorm mate, I realised the importance of caring for and spending time with the people around you.

#### **Angus Loughor-Clarke (Pearce)**

Half colours for academics (2022), Bronze President's Award, Cycling team captain (2022), 3rd team water polo, 5th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BA (politics, philosophy and economics) at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me the importance of team work, which I learnt playing water polo and rugby. I have also learnt forgiveness and compassion from my dorm mates. The fun I have had with my dorm, both in and out the house, are memories I will cherish.

#### **Adolf Luderitz (Lucas)**

Mathematics Olympiad (2022), Head of marketing portfolio (2022), Service Tie (2022), 1st team swimming (2022), Half colours for swimming (2022), 2nd team water polo, 3rd team water polo captain (2022), 3rd team tennis (2022), 5th team rugby, Boys of Hilton photographer and videographer (2019 and 2022)

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a Bachelor of accounting at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me perseverance. Persevering through the toughest of times has enabled me to keep my head up high when I have had no motivation.

#### **Callum Lupton-Smith (Churchill)**

Honours for academics (2022), 2nd team hockey, 5th team cricket, 5th team soccer.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study mechanical engineering at the UCT.

Hilton has taught me a lot about character. My time here has taught me to be honest, upright and true as steel, to give a firm handshake and stand up when someone walks into a room, to always greet with a smile and to go that little bit further to make someone's day. Hilton has taught me about true connection. The brotherhood formed here is unique and for life.

#### **Rourke Luscombe (Ellis)**

Engineering and graphic design prize (2022)

2nd team water polo, 4th team rugby, 7th team soccer.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study architecture at UCT.

Hilton has taught me how valuable it is to have a routine and discipline in all aspects of life.

#### **Neo Mahlobo (McKenzie)**

6th team basketball, 7th team hockey, Squash

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom in economics at UCT.

Hilton has taught me to be more accepting of others.

During the Outdoor Leadership Experience in grade 10, I learnt to appreciate how different we are as individuals, and to accept these differences, even when they irritate you.

#### **Keitshupile Makola (Lucas)**

Colours for academics (2022), Competition marimba band, Gumboot Squad, 1st team basketball, 3rd team rugby, Music club, Derek Veenstra Memorial Scholarship (2021)

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to university in America

or Canada; get my private pilot's license and attend culinary school.

Hilton has taught me about perseverance; to be prepared to put your head down and push through.

#### **Mophethe Malie (Newnham)**

Choir, 3rd team basketball, 4th team rugby, 4th team soccer.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom at UCT or UP. Hilton has taught me the importance of perseverance and discipline. I've also learnt to be open-minded and to be open to trying new things.

#### **Anelisa Maphumulo (Falcon)**

Colours for culture, Vocal ensemble, 3rd team soccer, 4th team basketball, 4th team hockey, Book club, Competition choir.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study economics. Hilton has taught me "discipline over motivation".

#### **Malesela Maponya (McKenzie)**

2nd team soccer, 4th team basketball, 5th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study in London.

Hilton has taught me to love the people around you.

#### **Andile Matsa (Churchill)**

Vera Burke Memorial prize for dramatic arts, Honours for drama, War cry leader, Merit for English Olympiad (2022), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), The Tempest (2022), Sainthood play (2021), 1st team soccer, 1st team basketball, 2nd team hockey, 5th team rugby, Ambassador Award.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study.

Hilton has taught me that with the right people around you, you don't need to stress! There is no place like Hilton College and it was very exclusive experience.

#### **Kediretse Mbaakanyi (Newnham)**

Signature skills certificate, 1st team basketball, Half colours for basketball, KZN B team basketball, 3rd team rugby, 3rd team soccer, Drone club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: Undecided.

Hilton has taught me the value of self-discipline.

#### **Avuyile Mbada (Falcon)**

Half colours for academics, Silver certificate in the Science Olympiad (grade 9), Choir, Debating, 4th team cricket, 7th team rugby, 7th team soccer, Business club, Gaming club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at the University of Manchester.

Hilton has taught me how to adapt to change.

#### **Olwethu Mbala (Lucas)**

2nd team basketball, 2nd team soccer, 4th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study architecture at UCT.

Hilton has taught me to make the most of every opportunity and to appreciate what I have.

#### **Vumi Mbokota (Churchill)**

Choir, Vocal ensemble, Colours for music, Colours for academics, 3rd team hockey, 3rd team soccer, 5th team cricket.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study engineering in SA, Australia, or the UK.

Hilton has taught me to respect those who came before me. Being part of something greater than myself has helped me understand the sacrifice that many have made to build such a school as this and the sacrifice my parents made to send me here.

#### **Connor McCabe (Falcon)**

Dorm cop, 2nd team rugby, 3rd team water polo, Health and fitness club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Varsity College in Pretoria.

Hilton has taught me to be honourable, respectful, and to appreciate time. I have also learned to be independent.

#### **Cole McLaggan (Churchill)**

3rd team cricket, 3rd team rugby, Golf.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me to be honest and upstanding.

#### **Risimati Mkhabela (Ellis)**

Half colours for academics (2022), Debating, Junior marimba band, Euphonium, Cultural tie (2022), 2nd team basketball captain (2022), Dorm cop, Cultural portfolio rep, Bronze President's Award (2019).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business science at UCT.

Hilton has taught me the value of culture and how an institution's culture impacts success. The right personnel not only buy into the culture but they also live it.

#### **Yami Mkize (Falcon)**

Commendation (2022), Choir (2018 to 2020), West Side Story (2019), Funk (2022), 1st team basketball, 1st team rugby, Colours for rugby (2022).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at UCT and play rugby in the UK.

Hilton has taught me to be open to different people. I've learnt to respect and appreciate the differences between people.

#### **Lesedi Mogashoa (Churchill)**

2nd team basketball, 3rd team hockey, 5th team soccer, Football club, Gaming club, Commendation. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study BCom managerial sciences at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me that everybody is special in their own right, and that the most important thing is the people you meet on your journey. They have a role to play in your development.

#### **Matuma Mojapelo (Newnham)**

World Challenge expedition to Nepal, 4th team basketball, 2nd team hockey, Mountain biking, Shooting, Photography club, Head of drone club, Cooking club, Level 2 leadership award.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study architecture, civil engineering, or philosophy at UCT or UP.

Hilton has taught me the importance of working with people to achieve your goals, and that some battles in life cannot be fought alone.

#### **Andrew Moravec (McKenzie)**

Commendation awards, Spell leader for spirit (2022),

Dorm cop, 5th team rugby, Golf team vice-captain (2022), Half colours for golf (2021), KZN Inland golf (2019, 2021, 2022), DJ club, Ambassador Award.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study economics overseas. Hilton has taught me to respect the differences between people. Conversations with staff such as Mr [Paul] Venter have enlightened me and showed me different perspectives, teaching me to try step out of my shoes to empathize with others. Hilton has given me a great moral compass and brothers who have also uplifted me and inspired me over the past five years. It is my goal to do the same for others.

#### **Jason Muir (Lucas)**

5th team rugby, 5th team water polo, Level 2 leadership award.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University.  
Hilton has taught me that people make a place special. The people you surround yourself with will impact you more than you know.

#### **Newo Munyai (Churchill)**

Colours for academics (2022), Ambassador Award (2022), 3rd team hockey vice-captain, 5th team soccer vice-captain, 5th team cricket, Fantasy football club, Reading club.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study mechatronics engineering at the University of Manchester.  
Hilton has taught me the value of dedicated teachers: I appreciate that staff members were always willing to help boys, no matter what.

#### **Flynn Newell (Newnham)**

Honours for academics, Visual art prizes, Grade 5 guitar Trinity College London, 5th team water polo, 7th team rugby, Rowing.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study chemical engineering at UCT.  
Hilton taught me resilience and how to get along with people.

#### **Casey Nicholson (Churchill)**

1st team cricket, 5th team rugby, Cricket SA tap squad (2021), Provincial cricket (2019).  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BSc at UP.  
Hilton has taught me how to relate to a diverse group of people.

#### **Luthando Ntshangase (Pearce)**

1st team soccer, Soccer player of the season (2022), KZN U19B soccer (2022), 3rd team cricket, 4th team rugby.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To play football and study in the US.  
Hilton taught me about brotherhood.

#### **Connor Paton (Newnham)**

Honours for academics (2022), IT subject prize (2020, 2021, 2022), 3rd team water polo, 4th team hockey, 5th team rugby, Squash.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study computer science at UCT.  
Hilton has taught me the value of connections. Hilton's biggest asset is not the facilities or the teaching, but the

opportunity it gives boys to create life-long bonds with peers and teachers. These relationships are vital for our future.

#### **Tristan Paton (Newnham)**

John Lewis prize for accounting (2022), RFJ Hayward VC Memorial Prize for geography, 3rd team hockey, 4th team water polo, 2nd team squash, Accounting subject prize (2021 and 2020), Geography subject prize (2021 and 2020), Book Club (2020 and 2019).  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business science at UCT.  
Hilton has taught me the value of friendships and given me memories for life.

#### **Amo Phuduhudu (Lucas)**

Bronze President's Award, 1st team soccer, 2nd team rugby, Rowing vice-captain.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To studying at North-West University.  
Hilton has taught me patience and endurance.

#### **HJ Pienaar (Lucas)**

Colours for rugby, 1st team rugby.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study and play rugby.  
Hilton has taught me to be a gentleman and to stay humble.

#### **Jarryd Pike (Falcon)**

Colours for academics (2022), 1st team cricket, 1st team hockey, Colours for hockey (2022).  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study law in Queensland, Australia.  
Hilton has taught me that stopping to have a laugh with your boys never hurt anybody.

#### **Dylan Pratt (McKenzie)**

Dorm cop, Level 2 leadership award, 1st team hockey, 3rd team soccer, KZN U18A athletics (2022), Most improved hockey player (2021).  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to UP, UJ, or Varsity College.  
Hilton has taught me that hard work pays off. Our hockey team, which was never rated, finished 1st in the country in 2022 owing to our hard work and dedication.

#### **Bataung "BT" Ramolefe (Churchill)**

Honours for culture, Competition marimba band, 2nd team basketball, 3rd team rugby.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study law at UCT.  
Hilton has taught me to listen to people. You will have the most thought-provoking conversations with the most unlikely people.

#### **Zavier Rey (Churchill)**

3rd team cricket, 5th team rugby, Half colours for golf and tennis.  
Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom or Bachelor of Accounting at Stellenbosch University.  
Hilton has taught me about friendships. At Hilton I have made friends for life. Hilton also taught me to be appreciative of the opportunity to come to a school such as this.

**Matt Rout (Ellis)**

Honours for academics, Chairman's Prize at Speech Day, Noel Freebody Memorial Prize for Fellowship, Silver President's Award, Dorm cop, 1st team soccer, 1st team hockey captain, KZN Inland U18A hockey captain, Most valuable defender of the IPT, SA U18A hockey vice-captain, Honours for hockey, 2nd team cricket captain. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To do a BCom in mathematical sciences at Stellenbosch University and to get into the SA U21.

Hilton has taught me to seize the opportunities available to me. It has allowed me to develop my talents and taught me the importance of a balance between work and play.

**Christopher Roy (Ellis)**

Dorm cop, Half colours for academics (2022), Colours for rugby, 1st team rugby, U18 Sharks Rugby (2022), 1st team soccer, 1st team cricket, DJ club.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom in environmental studies at UCT.

Hilton has taught me independence and the importance of taking care of yourself. I've also learnt that if you want to improve yourself, you have to extend yourself. You won't grow if do only what you are comfortable doing.

**Thomas Roy (Ellis)**

Ross Osborn Scholar, Transformation committee (2021 and 2022), 1st team rugby vice-captain (2022), Colours for rugby (2022), 1st team soccer, Half colours for soccer (2022), 2nd team cricket, Cooking club, DJ club, Honours for academics (2021), Dux scholar of year (grade 9 and 10). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study mechanical and mechatronics engineering at UCT. And to play rugby for the UCT U20 team.

Hilton has taught me the importance of relationships. Being loyal and trustworthy gains you people's respect. Hilton has taught me that time is a valuable asset and you should never let setbacks dishearten you and slow you down. It taught me the importance of friends who you can lean on for advice and support.

**Matthew Sara (Newnham)**

Maths Literacy subject prize (2022), Honours for drama (2022), Matric Class of 1942 Award, First Aid Award, Gold President's Award, 3rd team water polo, 5th team rugby, Rowing.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To do a BA in humanities at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me the importance of relationships. Without the support and guidance of those around me, whether they were staff or boys, I would not be the man I am today.

**Declan Sawyer (Newnham)**

Head of house, Honours for academics (2022), A Levels accounting prize (2022 and 2021), A Levels history prize (2021), A Levels mathematics prize (2021), 1st team basketball, 3rd team water polo, 4th team rugby vice-captain (2022), 1st team squash.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study financial sciences at UP.

Hilton has taught me that hard work always pays off. Having goals has motivated me and is something that has

been preached to me since the beginning of my Hilton College journey. I have received amazing support from various people who helped me when things weren't great.

**Sentle Seithheko (Lucas)**

Half colours for academics (2022), Vocal ensemble voice group leader (2022), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), Honours for culture (2022), Co-head of Gumboot Squad (2020-2022), Choir (2020-2022), Distinction for grade 8 classical voice Trinity College London, Pietermaritzburg Eisteddfod gold certificate for classic voice grade 8 (2022), 3rd team soccer, 7th team basketball, 7th team rugby, First Aid.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study industrial engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia.

Hilton has taught me diligence. I attribute my academic success to the staff at Hilton who saw my potential and demanded more of me, teaching me diligence and guiding me every step of the way.

**Marumo Selane (Newnham)**

Head of culture (2022), Competition marimba band (2019-2022), War cry leader (2022), Honours for marimbas (2022), Transformation committee (2021 and 2022), Ambassador Award, 1st team soccer, 2nd team hockey, 4th team basketball, Most Improved Soccer Player Award (2022), 2nd team soccer captain (2021), 2nd team hockey captain (2021), Hockey KZN Inland non-travelling reserve U18 (2021).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom at UCT or study and play college soccer in the United States.

Hilton has taught me discipline and to hard work. We are constantly surrounded by inspirational pupils and members of staff. Hilton has also taught me to be proud of who I am and to express myself.

**Olwakhe Shezi (Churchill)**

Dorm cop, Colours for culture, Deputy head of choir, Deputy head of vocal ensemble choir, Debating (Best Speaker), 2nd team basketball, 3rd team soccer captain, Level 2 Matric Certificate.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To do a BCom in accounting at Stellenbosch University.

Hilton has taught me to have respect for others and to be resilient.

**Ross Short (Ellis)**

Colours for A levels (2022), Gold President's Award (2022), 4th team water polo, 6th team rugby captain (2022), Reading club, Silver President's Award (2020), Bronze President's Award (2019).

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study mechanical engineering in the UK.

Hilton has taught me about diversity. I will always be grateful for the bond shared with the boys in my house, dorm, sports teams and classes, and I will cherish the memories of endless laughter and pranks during classes.

**Lwenziwe Sibiya (Lucas)**

Choir, Vocal ensemble, Competition Marimba Band, Gumboot Squad, Colours for music, Colours for marimba, DJ Club, Merit for grade 8 classical voice Trinity College London, 5th team basketball, 5th team rugby.

Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business management and marketing at a university in the UK. Hilton has taught me to be myself and that every decision comes with a consequence. I've learned to think before I act and to be independent and responsible.

**Jarrold Siddall (Pearce)**

2nd team water polo, 2nd team hockey captain (2022), Squash champion (2022), Swimming, Cooking club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To take a gap year, working at Lambrook prep school in Berkshire, in the UK, before going on to study at the University of Reading. Hilton has taught me people skills. I've learnt that it's the small changes that make a big difference. Providing reassurance and comfort to others – small acts of kindness – create strong and meaningful relationships with others.

**Sfiso Sithole (Churchill)**

Head of House (2022), Colours for academics, Colours for debating (2021), 2nd team basketball, 2nd team soccer, 3rd team rugby. Plans for 2023 and beyond: Undecided. Hilton has taught me to build great relationships because they come with great rewards, whether it's an extra waffle from the kitchen staff on a slow Tuesday morning, or tips from a classmates on an upcoming exam. Relationships that have been my greatest lesson.

**Nicolas Snyman (Churchill)**

1st team rugby, SA Schools squad (2022 and 2021), Played rugby for KZN (2022 and 2021). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To play professional rugby. Hilton has taught me to be patient in the art of mastering.

**June So (Pearce)**

French prize, 5th team basketball, Tennis, Chess club, DELF certificate. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study mathematics and computer science at a university in the UK. Hilton has taught me to mingle with boys from different cultures without any discrimination and stereotype.

**Qhawe Soji (Falcon)**

1st team basketball vice-captain, 1st team rugby, Provincial selection for both rugby and basketball, Honours for basketball, Prize for grade 11 with the most 1st XV caps in a season. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at UCT, while playing for the IKEY Tigers. Hilton has taught me the importance of relationships and brotherhood. Forming, strengthening and keeping those relationships will help you grow, learn from those around you and put others first. It has made me more resilient and independent, and to take responsibility for myself. A never-give-up attitude and intrinsic motivation to keep going, even in tough situations.

**Kiernan Stevens (Newnham)**

Gaming, Art. Plans for 2023 and beyond: Undecided. Hilton has taught me patience.

**Ross Taylor (Ellis)**

Head of Pastoral Care, LAB Sharpe Memorial prize for creative writing in English (2022), History Essay Prize (2022), Maths Olympiad Round 2 (2022), English Olympiad Silver Award (2022), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat (2022), Dramatic Arts Subject Prize (Grade 2020, 2021 and 2022), Commendation Awards (grades 8 to 12), 1st team water polo, Half colours for water polo (2020), 3rd team rugby, 4th team rugby captain (2022), 4th team cricket, Swimming, Head of reading club, Gold President's Award (2021), Silver President's Award (2020), Bronze President's Award (2019). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a business science degree at UCT. Hilton has taught me that time waits for no man. Take the opportunities that are presented to you at Hilton College or be left behind.

**Alton Theron (Falson)**

7th team rugby. Plans for 2023 and beyond: BCom management science at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me to make the best of your time, and to enjoy the little things.

**Oluhle Thwala (Pearce)**

2nd team soccer, 3rd team basketball, 5th team rugby, DJ club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To go to university in the UK. Hilton has taught me that I am able to rise above anything. I value the people I have met at Hilton and the bonds and relationships formed.

**David Tshebi (McKenzie)**

1st team hockey, 1st team soccer, Most valuable player award for hockey and soccer, SA U16 hockey High-Performance Squad, SA U21 hockey Junior World Cup Team non-travelling reserve. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To play soccer in the US or study at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me to believe in myself.

**Roelf van der Merwe (McKenzie)**

Colours for academics, 1st team basketball captain, KZN Inland basketball team, 7th team rugby. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study architecture at the University of Sydney. Hilton has taught me to be grateful for all the opportunities I have been gifted with in my life.

**Christo Van Loggerenberg (Falcon)**

Afrikaans award, Silver President's Award, 1st team water polo, National team for water polo, National championships for swimming, Honours for swimming, Cooking club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Varsity College. Hilton has taught me that you have to stay true to yourself. And not everything is as it seems.

**Zack van Niekerk (McKenzie)**

Honours for academics (2022), Afrikaans prize (2020, 2021, 2022), 1st team rugby, Colours for rugby (2022), Athletics, Bronze President's Award. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study actuarial science at

UP.

Hilton has taught me to appreciate structure. The boarding experience gave me unlimited access to academic and sports facilities as well as time to make memories with friends. I will never forget the estate trips with my close friends, listening to music, taking in the beautiful view of the sun setting, and swimming in the Gwens waterfall.

#### **Caleb Vandayar (Ellis)**

5th team rugby, 7th team basketball, 7th team soccer. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study business law at Arkansas State University in the USA. Hilton has given me memories I will never forget. In my matric year, I watched our 1st XV beat Michealhouse in Hilton's 150th year. The crowd and war cries were unforgettable.

#### **Aman Wadhvani (Newnham)**

1st team tennis, 1st team rowing, Silver at SA champs for rowing, 3rd team soccer (2021), Drone club, Photography club, Cooking club, Service tie. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study in Canada or the UK. Hilton has taught me to be myself.

#### **Jack Waterhouse (Pearce)**

Head of house, Colours for academics, 1942 Matric Class Award, Gold President's Award, 1st team rugby, Golden Boots Award for the most valuable player, SA Schools rugby and played for the U18 Springboks in an international series against England and France, Craven Week U18 Sharks team, 1st team water polo vice-captain, National water polo U17 team, All-Stars tournament team (2021), Swimming vice-captain, Sustainability club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study in the USA or UK. Hilton has taught me that life is longer than the moment. I have learned how to cope better with failures and success often by putting things in perspective.

#### **Benjamin Watt (McKenzie)**

1st team water polo, Trophy for best swimmer and water polo player (2022), 1st team rugby, 2nd team rugby captain (2022), U18A KZN Currie Cup (2022), SA polo U17 EU Nations (2021). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at a university in the UK where I want to play rugby. Hilton has taught me to appreciate the loyalty of friends. My Hilton College journey was filled with laughs and smiles. I thoroughly enjoyed my welcome to the school in 2020 and the Crews gym.

#### **Kristofer Watt (Pearce)**

Head of transformation in Pearce (2022), 1st team cricket captain, 1st team hockey, Most Valuable Player for 1st team hockey (2022), Honours for hockey (2022), U18 provincial hockey (2021), 1st team soccer (2022), Half colours for soccer (2021), Colours for academics (2021), Colours for cricket (2021), U18 provincial cricket (2021), SA Talent Acceleration Programme (2021), Head of Philosophy Club. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study humanities at a UK, Irish or Dutch university. Hilton has taught me the value of the relationships we

make in high school and our lives, and to always seek the help of those who can help you to improve yourself.

#### **Adam Wesselink (Newnham)**

Half colours for academics, Art prize (theory), Commendations for behaviour and effort, Helped build and install a water filtration system for the school laundry, 3rd team rugby, 3rd team water polo, 6th team soccer, Squash. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me the unquantifiable value of personal connection and relationships. The friends I have made here have influenced my life so positively and attributed to my success.

#### **Jaiden Wilde (Pearce)**

Dorm cop, 2nd team hockey, Rowing club captain, Placed 5th in quad race at SA champs (2022), Zambian national fishing team, Zambian national junior polo team, 1st team fishing, Sustainability committee. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To work in the Lunangwa National park in Zambia before going to Cirencester in the UK for university. Hilton has taught me to be independent and how to relate to my peers and staff members. I am grateful to have such close mates who will look out for one another for the rest of our lives!

#### **Matt Wilson (Newnham)**

1st team cricket, Colours for cricket, 3rd team rugby, Ultimate frisbee club, Level 2 leadership award. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me that time flies by when you're enjoying yourself and you must cherish every moment as if it was your last, because your last moment will come soon.

#### **Scott Winskill (Falcon)**

3rd team rugby, health & fitness club (2019). Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study a BCom management science at Stellenbosch University. Hilton has taught me that the best things in life are usually the hardest.

#### **Spencer Wright (Falcon)**

A-Level French, Physics, and Mathematics trials subject prizes (2022), Debating team captain, Co-Founded the M.U.N club, 7th team rugby, Shooting club vice-captain. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study theoretical physics in the UK at Cambridge or the University of Bristol. Hilton has taught me that no matter how difficult or painful the situation, it will come to an end and it will become but a memory.

#### **Nicholas Youens (Pearce)**

EGD award (2020 and 2021), 3rd team cricket, 6th team rugby, 7th team soccer. Plans for 2023 and beyond: To study at UCT. Hilton has taught me to prioritize work when there is work to be done. There will always be time for fun. I have also learned to savour the relationships I have with the boys because in some cases, I will never see them again.

Name	End Year	House	Deceased Date
Mr Michael Jeremy Bennett	1954	Newnham	Apr 2022
Mr John Douglas Black	1948	Newnham	Jan 2022
Mr John Howard Chettle	1956 PM	Pearce	Sep 2022
Mr William Paul Dobson	1971	Newnham	Jun 2022
Mr Timothy Dykins	1970	Churchill	May 2022
Dr Graeme Hilton Thurlow Hart	1954	Churchill	Apr 2022
Mr Paul Glanville Hartopp	1953	Newnham	Jun 2022
Mr John Charles Stewart Hudson	1944 PM	McKenzie	Jan 2022
Mr Michael David James	1957	Churchill	Nov 2021
Mr Robin Andrew James	1961	Churchill	Apr 2022
Mr Gavin James Larsen	1990	Newnham	Feb 2022
Mr David Anthony Croft Lever	1953 PM	Churchill	Dec 2022
Mr Michael John Macaulay	1956	Ellis	Dec 2021
Dr Stewart Hamish MacKenzie	1973	McKenzie	Feb 2022
Mr Donald Mitchell Martin	1952	Churchill	Feb 2021
Mr David Alistair Nunnerley	1959	McKenzie	Dec 2021
Mr Roland Anthony Pearce	1947	Newnham	Oct 2022
Mr Kim Roland Pearce	1977	Ellis	Dec 2021
Mr Donald John Porter	1950	Falcon	Jan 2022
Prof Roger Eduoard Raab	1951 PM	Newnham	Jun 2022
Mr Joshua Reynolds	1996	Ellis	Oct 2022
Mr Peter James Scott	1958	Newnham	Dec 2021
Mr Courtney Edmund Justin Selke	1951	McKenzie	Sep 2021
Mr Christopher Dominic Tabrett	1961	Ellis	Mar 2022
Mr John Blythe Train	1956	Ellis	Dec 2021
Mr Peter Ford Tredre	1971	Pearce	Jan 2022
Mr Kyle Peter Walker	2007	Churchill	May 2022
Mr Ryan M B Walker	1996	Ellis	Nov 2022
Mr Llewellyn Maurice von Essen	1952	Pearce	Sep 2022

**John Douglas Black (1948, Newnham)**

John lived his entire life on the family farm, Elandshoek, in the Boston area of the KZN Midlands, where he became the third-generation owner of the farm.

John and his younger brother Alastair were initially home schooled on Elandshoek and on other local farms, by a series of governesses, but later went on to boarding school at Merchiston and Hilton College, where John became head prefect in 1948.

Upon matriculating John was unable to attend Cedara as it was fully enrolled with ex-servicemen who had returned from the war. He spent a year working in a local veterinary practice, Drs Tarr, Turner and Paine, to gain experience in stock diseases and their treatment. He then returned to Elandshoek where he worked on, and later took over, the

farm, which he continued to develop through his farming career.

During this time Elandshoek became a typical KZN mixed farm with a sizeable beef herd and merino sheep flock, a small dairy herd along with associated fodder crops and potatoes being produced on the farm. He also had a great love of horses and at various times bred Percheron cart horses and Arab riding horses.

During his farming career John won numerous prizes in the livestock and produce sections of the Impendle Agricultural Society and Boston Farmers' Association fat stock shows as well as the Impendle Soil Conservation Committee Farm competition. He scaled back his farming operations during his later years but maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the farm right until his death.

A feature of John's personality and life was his desire and ability to serve his community. This extended well beyond the local community of Boston, and he served on numerous committees throughout the province and country. Most notable of these were a 27-year stint as secretary of the Boston Farmers' Association, numerous terms on the council of Natal Agricultural Union (Later KwaZulu-Natal Agricultural Union), including several as vice-president of the organisation. He also served for four years as chairman of the Polocrosse Association of South Africa, during which time he was instrumental in prevailing upon the Minister of Sport to allow the first international tour by the Australian Polocrosse team to South Africa.



*John Black*

John married Anne Laurens on 27 February 1954, and they remained married for 64 years until Anne passed away on 16 July 2020. They had five children and 11 grandchildren, all of whom are still alive at the time of writing.

*Michael Black (son)*

#### **John Howard Chettle (1956 PM, Pearce)**

John Chettle passed away at home after a long illness. He was 84 and leaves his wife Judith, his children Anne and William, grandsons Will and Wyatt Reinke, and more than 10 000 books.

Born in South Africa, he was head prefect at Hilton in 1956 and on the first cricket and rugby teams. He received the Abe Bailey Travel Bursary and in 1961 received the Natal Rhodes Scholar. He was the North & South American Director of the South Africa Foundation and was a lawyer for many years with Freedman, Levy, Kroll & Simonds, specialising in international trade law. He lived in Alexandria, Virginia, and loved his family, books, art, antiques, and a good – but always polite – argument.



*John Chettle*

*William Chettle (son)*

#### **Dr Graeme Hilton Thurlow Hart (1954, Churchill)**

Graeme was born in Pietermaritzburg and spent his early years in Howick. After matriculating from Hilton College, he spent two years as an assistant teacher at Treverton and then attended Rhodes University, where he obtained a BA in 1959 and a first-class honours degree in geography in 1960.

After a temporary lectureship at Natal University, Durban, he was appointed as a junior lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1961. While at Wits he completed a Masters' on "An Historical Geography of Port Natal" in

1965 and was awarded a PhD on "Johannesburg Residential Development and the Housing Market in Johannesburg" in 1975. He subsequently became a senior lecturer in the Department of Geography and Environmental Science until his retirement in 1997. Although he also taught synoptic meteorology at Wits and air pollution climatology to postgraduate town and regional planning students, his main interest was in economic geography and his speciality was in the urban residential housing market. He'd been at Wits for 36 years when he retired at 60.

In 1962/3 Graeme was chosen to be an Abe Bailey Fellow and toured the United Kingdom. He was published in several academic journals, contributed to seven books and was a visiting professor in California and Wisconsin. He acted at various times as editor of the South African Geographical Journal and for many years wrote a weekly article for The Star on the demographics of Johannesburg suburbs. He was a consultant in a number of weather-related court cases and consulted to firms of geotechnical engineers. He hosted many geographical excursions for undergraduates which were very popular.

Many students at Wits remember him for being the chief invigilator for their examinations. He was also a supervisor for many international examinations.



*Graeme Hart*

In 1965 Graeme was appointed assistant dean of Dalrymple House, a men's residence on the Wits campus where he lived for five years. In the mid-70s, together with John Earle, Tim Hart and Cathy Caselli, he joined the SABC's weather team and was the first person to do a weather forecast on SABC's inaugural service in 1976. He remained a weather presenter for 27 years and always dressed impeccably in suit and tie. After he retired, he was sought after as a speaker for public lectures about the weather.

Graeme was a keen hockey player. He played for the first team at Hilton, toured Rhodesia with a Hilton/Michaelhouse side, was in the first team at Rhodes and played for Eastern Province. He went on a SA Universities tour to the UK and Europe in 1958 and captained the SA Universities tour to Kenya in 1960. While a junior lecturer he played hockey for Wits and enjoyed social tennis for many years. Graeme loved hiking and in later years slackpacking. He loved the bush and had many visits to the Kruger National Park, and game reserves in the Waterberg, Botswana and Namibia.

Graeme suffered from dementia in his last few years but died from septicaemia following a bladder infection. He was married for 58 years and is survived by his wife Margaret (nee Richardson), children Andrew, Richard and Diana, and seven grandchildren.

*Submitted by Meg Hart (wife)*

**John Charles Stewart Hudson (1944 PM, McKenzie)**

John Hudson was South Africa's oldest practising attorney when he died in Durban at the age of 94 on Easter Monday after a short illness.

A familiar and much-loved figure at Durban's monthly old boys' luncheons at the Point Yacht Club, John passed away at his home at Caister Lodge.

A founding partner of John Hudson & Company, John was highly respected as an attorney – and as a man – and his wisdom, experience and guidance will be sorely missed.

John was a consummate gentleman to the end.

He started work on 1 February 1945, aged 17, articled to a firm of attorneys in Durban, where he served the mandatory five years.

At the age of 22 he founded the firm which today bears his name. He practised law for the remainder of his life, the latter years as a consultant to his firm.

Throughout his life, he was involved in countless charitable works including John Peattie House, a home for those with intellectual disabilities.

John Hudson & Company principal Randal Brereton said: "Amongst the many cases cited in the South African Law Reports in which the firm was involved, and from which new laws are made, Mr Hudson was the lead attorney in the successful ground-breaking case of Clarke vs Hurst in 1992. This case is even today cited as an authority and guiding principal – referred to in legal cases and academic writings worldwide. It was the first legal matter heard in South Africa addressing the right to die with dignity."

John served as president of the North Durban Rotary Club and was awarded the prestigious Paul Harris Award.

His family, running, wildlife, the sea and the Natal Sharks were his passions, with Durban his kingdom.

He spent the first 22 years of his life living in the middle of town, in Marine Chambers, on the corner of Gardiner and Leslie Streets, close to the old Durban Club.

He went off to boarding school at Cordwalles in Pietermaritzburg at the age of eight and then on to Hilton College, matriculating at age 16.

But it was always Durban he came home to. The feeling of the sand in his toes, the sea on his skin and the sun on his face thrilled him more than anything else.

John is survived by his wife of 71 years, Mary, sons Robert (1969, McKenzie) and Stephen (1971, McKenzie), and grandsons Jim Grantham (2003, Churchill), Nicholas Grantham (2005, Churchill) and Rupert Grantham (2008, Churchill).

*Rob Hudson (son)*

**Gavin James Larsen (1990, Newnham)**

In February 2022 Gavin Larsen was tragically killed at a dangerous intersection on the R44 outside Somerset West, right near Somerset College where he taught as a maths teacher.

Gavin Larsen arrived at Hilton College in 1986 and flourished at the school. He was bright and rose to school-wide prominence along with Imraan Coovadia (now professor of English at UCT) in the Newnham House quiz team that knocked the socks off any other quiz team in the school. As an only child, Gavin had devoured books from the moment he could read and his general knowledge was exceptional, perhaps even more so than Imraan's. Together they were unbeatable. Imraan was in matric, and Gavin was only in Form II (Grade 9). Once Imraan left, Gavin continued as the star of the inter-house quiz show every year and went on to be Dux of Hilton College in 1990.

Gavin was so bright he could have gone on to anything – actuarial science, astrophysics, neuroscience, pretty much any lauded career you can think of. Yet he chose teaching. With the world at your feet why would you, the brightest of the bright, choose to do something that hundreds of thousands of others can do? And yet Gavin had a passion for it, a passion for inputting into others and raising them up. And actually, hundreds of thousands of other teachers could not do what Gavin could do. Gavin became a brilliant maths teacher rising through the ranks at Pinelands High, a founding teacher at LEAP Science and Maths School in Thornton and then at Somerset College. Alongside his teaching at Somerset College, he also worked extra hours for Teachers Plus where he was teaching Unisa students to become teachers. He was on his way to teach his Unisa students when the fatal accident occurred.

Graham Sayer, the executive head at Somerset College, said of Gavin's appointment to the school in 2012: "On the first of January 2012, Dr Timothy Nuttall, then head of Somerset College, made what would turn out to be one of the best decisions taken in the school's brief history when he appointed Gavin James Larsen as senior school mathematics teacher... Gavin went on over the ensuing decade to carve out for himself a reputation as one of the best mathematics teachers in the nation, and with the advent of our Cambridge programme, one could argue, in the world."

The Heads of Independent Schools conference in February 2022 came to a halt to observe a minute's silence at the news of Gavin's passing, acknowledging him as a great South African maths teacher.

"Gavin was a man whose commitment to his students was compelling, electrifying and sometimes even fiercely awe-inspiring," Graham said at Gavin's memorial service. "He treated his classrooms almost as a sacred space where commitment was required at a pitch that approached devotion and heaven help anyone who dared disrupt or disrespect it. The mere suspicion of that could earn the white heat of Mr Larsen's righteous wrath. Gavin expected

his students to pay attention, not just when they felt like it, not most of the time, but all of the time, by preparing thoroughly, arriving punctually, listening intently, following actively and working assiduously at their maths. And it was these standards that Gavin drove so energetically and with such total commitment that established his legacy as much as any of his other attributes. His students grew to deeply respect and even to love Mr Larsen, not despite the exacting standards he set and fiercely enforced, but to a large extent, because of them."

Gavin had a naughty-fun side too. In tributes that poured in after his passing, so many of his students and colleagues attested to his playful and irreverent nature. For pupils it made maths lessons fun and inspiring, enabling children to excel. For colleagues it made him a pleasure to be around. One student said, "He never made me feel stupid." Sonwabile Soso Mhlola said in a Facebook tribute: "When I commenced at LEAP, I really hated mathematics, but because of you I ended up making it to the engineering industry." He also had an adventurous side. He joined my brother and me in climbing the face below the cableway on Table Mountain, rock climbing at Umgeni Valley and hiking in the Berg on a few occasions. His love of climbing and trekking took him to Thailand, India and Pakistan including hiking to Everest Base Camp. He loved windsurfing, snorkelling, his dogs and his partner, Nicky Page.

Some years ago, Gavin had in his class the boy who got the highest marks in mathematics in the Cambridge exams worldwide. When I asked him about it, Gavin simply said, "Well, he was a very bright boy, much brighter than me." That was Gavin – humble, secure, gentle, and understatedly brilliant!

Gavin is survived by his partner of 20 years, Nicky, and his parents Richard and Lynn.

*David Larsen (cousin)*

#### **David Anthony Croft Lever (1953 PM, Churchill)**

David Lever passed away peacefully at home in Patrick, Isle of Man, from heart failure at the age of 87 years with all his family round him.

David moved to South Africa when three years old with his parents, Tony and Ann Lever, in 1939. Initially, the family settled in Pietermaritzburg where Tony worked as a barrister. Several years later, the family moved to "Iffley" in Winterskloof where they grew flowers for the market in Johannesburg.

David attended Merchiston in Pietermaritzburg before moving to Hilton College in 1949. David's friends from Hilton may remember him from his activities in the stamp club, and photographic and debating societies. After matriculating in 1953, David took a BA in commerce at Rhodes University, where he graduated with first-class honours. In 1957, he sailed for England to study law at New College Oxford; the third generation of Levers to do so. While in Oxford he enjoyed socialising with fellow South Africans, and he particularly enjoyed rowing an

eight on the Thames. One summer was spent working in Canada, and another driving his Morris Minor through Europe from the Netherlands down to Italy.

After graduating from Oxford, he went back to accountancy and took his articles with Pete Marwick. Thereafter, he became assistant to the finance director at Union Carbide, then general manager for Sagit Trust Company. One night at a farewell party for a friend returning to South Africa he met Joan Keggins from the Isle of Man and in 1964 they got married in Croxley Green.

In 1971, David moved to the Isle of Man when he was offered the job of setting up and managing a bank on the island for Singer and Friedlander. At the time, the finance sector there was in its infancy and David played an important role in its development, while successfully building business for the bank. He was recognised for his impeccable honesty and belief in doing the right thing. Alongside the long hours he put in at the office, he was an active member of institutions such as the Chamber of Commerce, where he was president. He joined the Rotary Club in 1975 becoming president in 1996; he was also a governor at the Buchan School and sat on finance committees for Hospice and Meals on Wheels.

Friends were extremely important to David, and one of his great joys was socialising, be it barbecues on the beach or entertaining at home where he enjoyed conversations about all manner of subjects. During his working life he had hobbies such as swimming in the morning before work, playing squash, tennis, and golf. He was also a keen gardener and grew vegetables. An avid reader of The Telegraph all his life, he took on the cryptic crossword every day.

In 1994, David retired and finally had time to travel, visiting Sarawak, Australia, Egypt, South Africa, Namibia, Norway, Peru, Costa Rica, Alaska and many places in between. He also enjoyed playing bridge. As with his beloved crosswords, it was the mental challenge that attracted him to the game, and it was something that he and Joan could do together.



*David Lever*

He is survived by Joan, his three children Jeremy, Helen and Caroline, and his eight grandchildren Erik, Daniel, Edward, Mathilde, Matthew, Declan, Miriam and Edith. He will be deeply missed.

*Jeremy Lever (son)*

#### **Donald Mitchell Martin (1952, Churchill)**

Donald joined his elder brother Rory at Hilton in 1948 and was followed by his younger brother Alistair. A further 10 Martin-related boys attended Hilton: Donald's two sons Brett and Christopher and his five grandsons Joshua and Sam Stanley, Oliver and Thomas Parkinson and Nicholas Martin.

Donald would probably best be remembered for his contracting polio in his first year at Hilton. Sister Brown, who was in charge of the San, suggested that he was trying to get off chapel when he arrived complaining of feeling ill one Sunday. Luckily, the school doctor, Dr McKenzie, who happened to be visiting a patient, took one look at Donald and immediately got him off to Greys Hospital where he stayed for six weeks and escaped any aftereffects. The whole school, just returned from mid-term [break], had to be evacuated.

After some years in insurance and then the family chemical business, Donald in 1976 started Westgate Walding Auctioneers where he was able to pursue his long-time interest in fine art and collecting. His gregarious nature and confidence on the podium saw him become a respected and entertaining auctioneer and conductor of countless charity auctions. Both his sons followed in his footsteps in turn becoming competent and popular auctioneers. Westgate successfully continues under the baton of Brett.

Donald's life was ultimately a success story. Without the benefit of a tertiary education or parental assistance of any kind, he built a business that is a household name today in Johannesburg, through hard work and eternal optimism.

Playtime was spent with friends and family, fishing and entertaining on our farm in the Elands valley, otherwise exploring off-road and discovering the many facets of our beautiful country: our parks and mountains, down to the shores of our oceans.

In 2010 we turned the last page of our life in Johannesburg and moved to live south of Simon's Town, where the tempo was slower, and we were able to enjoy the many attractions of the Cape.

Donald was an enthusiastic Old Hiltonian and continued to attend the monthly Hilton lunches as well as a weekly lunch at The Brass Bell in Kalk Bay with a mixed combo of Hilton and Michaelhouse friends where they happily reminisced over a beer or two.

His last days were spent peacefully gazing across the False Bay to the distant Hottentots Holland. He never tired of the view.

He will be remembered for his deep respect and love of nature and his country. He leaves four children, two sons-in-law, two daughters-in-law, 10 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two grandsons-in-law and a grand-daughter-in-law as well as me, his wife Bridget (nee Flather) of 62 years.

We miss him and all the fun and nonsense he taught us. May he rest in peace.

*Bridget Martin (wife)*

#### **Prof Roger Eduoard Raab (1951 PM, Newnham)**

Professor Roger Raab passed away at the age of 88. Roger

was an outstanding scholar and the epitome of an academic and a gentleman. His colleagues in the School of Chemistry and Physics are profoundly saddened by his passing.

Roger was born in Durban on 21 January 1934. He was educated at Clifton Preparatory School in Durban followed by Hilton College, where he was Dux in 1950 and head prefect in 1951. He studied physics at the Pietermaritzburg Physics Department of the then University of Natal, graduating with a BSc in 1954 and a BSc (Hons) in 1955.

In 1955, Roger won the Natal Rhodes Scholarship, and embarked on his doctoral studies in Oxford, where he had the good fortune to come under the supervision of AD (David) Buckingham (FRS, 1975; CBE, 1997). Roger was David's first graduate student, and he obtained his D. Phil. from Oxford in 1959, with three joint papers on the dielectric properties of liquids. David and Roger's deep friendship and highly creative academic collaboration would prove to last a lifetime.



*Prof Roger Raab*

Roger continued research in molecular physics in Oxford as a post-doctoral fellow and was then appointed lecturer in the Pietermaritzburg Physics Department of the University of Natal in 1960. He was rapidly promoted to senior lecturer in 1961, professor in 1968, and head of department in 1974. He subsequently served two three-year terms as dean of the faculty of science on the Pietermaritzburg campus, and as pro-vice principal of the Medical School in Durban from 1992 to 1996.

After retirement in 1999, Roger continued as a prolific researcher until the end, serving as an Honorary Research Fellow, and as Professor Emeritus of the now University of KwaZulu-Natal. He published a total of 89 peer-reviewed research articles and two books. Roger also graduated eight Masters and 11 PhD students. He was also an NRF grant holder, for many years enjoying a B-rating (internationally acclaimed scientist).

Roger worked with Professor Clive Graham for many years on theoretical and experimental studies of electromagnetic properties of molecules in optical effects. Later, collaborating with his former student Dr Elizabeth Graham, he worked on experimental and theoretical studies of optical and electromagnetic effects in crystals, both non-magnetic and magnetic. More recently, in collaboration with Professor Owen de Lange, Roger was able to complete the development of multipole theory, elucidating many major problems and enigmas in macroscopic electromagnetism arising from multipole theory. This work was published in the widely acclaimed book "Multipole Theory in Electromagnetism" (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 2004).

His earlier book, "Operator Methods in Quantum Mechanics" (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1991), also co-authored with Owen de Lange, received accolades for its

excellence, winning the University of Natal Book Prize in 1993, and the Bill Venter Book Prize in 1994. It has become an internationally respected text.

Roger's research has led to international and local recognition. In 2001, he was invited by the Council of the Royal Society of London to join the editorial board of the prestigious journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society of London*. He was one of very few South African scientists to be recognized in this way. He declined in order to concentrate on his research. Locally, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa in 1993 and was awarded the De Beers-SAIP Gold Medal in 2004, this being the highest award of the South African Institute of Physics, for his outstanding research in "the theory of electromagnetism, and optical properties of molecules and crystals".

What is remarkable about Roger is that he was able to maintain this international research profile whilst also providing excellence in teaching and serving on many university committees. Past students have spoken of the inspirational experience it was to be taught by Roger Raab. He enkindled a deep respect and affection for physics in generations of undergraduate students and established a keen appreciation of creativity and commitment to excellence in his research students.

Over and above this, Roger contributed substantially to the physics and wider community. He was chairman of the National Measuring Standards Committee from 1976 to 1980, and in recognition of his services there was awarded the South African medal for services towards measuring and standards. He served on the National Physics Research Grants Committee (1970 – 82), and the National Liaison Committee of IUPAP (1985 – 1988), and was advisor to the NPRL, CSIR (1974 – 1983). He also served on the Natal Rhodes Scholarship Selection Committee from 1964 to 1970.

Roger was highly principled and extremely generous with his time and attention. He was a Life-Line counsellor from 1973 to 1990 and served as the vice-chairman of the Life-Line executive committee from 1978 to 1983. He served on the board of St John's Diocesan School for Girls and was chairman of the board from 1993 to 1998. Roger played a significant mentoring role to many students who come from disadvantaged backgrounds, several of whom have gone on to succeed in physics and in fields beyond academia. In addition, he donated countless pints of blood over many years. He was adept at hiding his selflessness behind his wit and humour.

Roger and Lorraine, a painter and art historian, married in 1963, parenting Elizabeth, Caroline, and Conrad, who have made them grandparents nine times over. Roger shared Lorraine's love of indigenous plants, particularly those of the Drakensberg. He loved family trips to the 'Berg, occasionally bringing his telescope for viewing the spectacular night sky. Roger and Lorraine shared their appreciation of classical music with their children and grandchildren. Roger was very supportive and encouraging of Lorraine's dedication to her painting.

Roger had a warm and hospitable personality and was a person of deep integrity. He and Lorraine were welcoming hosts to many lunch and dinner parties in their home for colleagues and students. Roger was always willing to lend an ear or offer his wisdom when necessary. He will be remembered with great fondness for the many ways in which he enriched the lives of his colleagues and former students in the School of Chemistry and Physics at the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

*UKZN School of Chemistry and Physics*

### **Roland Anthony Pearce (1947, Newnham)**

The only child of Stella and Roland, Roly was born in Singapore and grew up in Hong Kong. While on holiday in New York in 1941, Hong Kong fell to the Japanese and the Pearce family found themselves homeless. Switching from the colonial schooling, cricket and rugby of Quarry Bay, Hong Kong, to an American public school was a huge culture shock. Overnight, Roly adopted the New York twang, baseball and American football in order to survive on the streets of Brooklyn.

His father was offered a job in South Africa. Managing to evade the submarines waging war in the Atlantic, the family disembarked in Durban. Friends from his prep school days remember Roly as "Yank". His first rugby match proved to be traumatic. Mixing up the rules with American football, Roly tackled his opposing number as soon as the whistle blew. This confused everyone, as the ball was nowhere near his opponent. Roly was sent home in disgrace, learning a valuable lesson about playing according to the rules of the game. It sparked a lifelong interest in the rules of sport, with Roly and friends passionately debating the merits and idiocies of the rules of various sporting disciplines.

Roly spent his high school years at Hilton, entrenching his love of all ball sports, in particular cricket, rugby and tennis. He enjoyed lifelong friendships with his school and Berea Rovers friends. How he managed to qualify as a chartered accountant during all the sport and partying of his early 20's remained a mystery to him. The highlight of his cricketing career had to be the three weeks in which he went from club cricket to provincial to national representation, playing for South Africa against the MCC.

Marrying Valerie Livingston in 1957, Roly emigrated to Australia following doubts about the political direction of South Africa. After five years in Australia, Roly was transferred for a five-year stint to the head office in England. On the way back to Australia, the family stopped off in Durban for a holiday. The reunion and celebration with so many friends convinced Roly that Durban was home, and he lived there for the rest of his life. Following a successful career, Roly retired as MD of Romatex Industrials in 1990.



*Roland Pearce*

Blessed with a fantastic sense of humour, Roly saw the funny side of almost every situation and shared that with his friends and family, often leaving us helpless with laughter. Coupled with his intelligence and considered opinions, he achieved a wonderful balance in his life. Roly was pre-deceased by his ex-wife Val (2011), his wife Robin (2017) and his son Kim (2021). He is survived by his daughters Carey and Debra, and eight grandchildren.

*Debra Muller (daughter)*

### **Kim Roland Pearce (1977, Ellis)**

The only son of Roly and Val Pearce, Kim grew up in Australia and England. Arriving in South Africa in 1968, Kim was schooled at Highbury Prep and Hilton.

Passionate about surfing, Kim had to switch to paddle-skiing after he lost a leg in a shark attack when he was 19. Immensely strong and brave in the face of such adversity, Kim refused to be defined by his disability. He was determined to make the most of his life, travelling widely and spending stints of his young career taking on an eclectic collection of jobs, including being a snow ski instructor for soldiers from the British army who had been injured in combat. Kim quietly did a lot of work with the disabled. His kindness, sense of humour and zest for life did so much to assist those struggling to adjust to living with handicaps following amputations.

Always keen for a party, on one unfortunate occasion he was pulled over by traffic police under suspicion of drunken driving. The policeman ordered Kim to step out of the car and stand on one leg. When Kim followed instructions, the policemen fell about laughing, as Kim only had one leg to stand on! They poured him into the passenger seat of his car and drove him home.

Kim established and, for a couple of years, ran the popular pub and restaurant Stokers' Arms in Kloof. More recently he was involved in establishing urban farming, aimed at minimising the carbon footprint and logistics of transporting food from farm to table by using hydroponics to grow fruit and vegetables on urban rooftops.

Kim's gift for friendship and fun carried him through his disability and all the challenges he faced. He brightened the lives of all who knew him. He was widely read, and his informed opinions on an eclectic range of topics made him great company. "Verily, a mighty oke has fallen" was the apt headline for the Idler's column obituary written by Graeme Linscott of the Daily Mercury following Kim's death.



*Kim Pearce*

Coincidentally, Kim's heart attack occurred 44 years to the day that his leg was amputated. Kim is survived by his children Sarah and Evan.

*Debra Muller (sister)*

### **Donald John Porter (1950, Falcon)**

Donald John Porter passed away peacefully, aged 85, at home with his family.

Don spent his childhood years in Zambia and Malawi before leaving at age eight to attend Highbury as a boarder. He completed his Junior Certificate at Hilton and matriculated from St Andrew's in 1952.

Don qualified as a chartered accountant working mainly in South Africa with a four-year stint in London. Outside of work, he had wide interests in sport, birding, history, charity, and the arts. He loved people and poured himself into community life holding many leadership offices in clubs, societies, and charities. In 1985 he married his darling Jean (née Messent), and in 1990 they welcomed their precious daughter Annie.



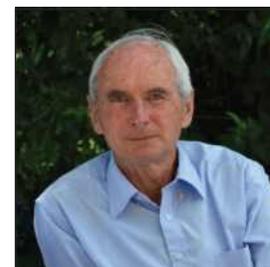
*Donald Porter*

He spent the last year of his life at home in Durban, cared for, lovingly, by his wife, daughter, son-in-law Kyle, and a wonderful caregiving team. "The sense of loss doesn't belong to any ending but a limitation of our vision." – Joy Cowley

*Annie Porter Clark (daughter)*

### **John Blythe Train (1956, Ellis)**

John Blyth Kilgower Train, 82, died at his home in Onrus. He is very sadly missed by his wife Greta, children Katherine, Mark, Belinda, Wendy, Julia and Peter, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



*John Train*

Blyth was born on 9 December 1938. He attended high school at Hilton College from 1952 to 1956 and spoke fondly of his memories there. He often shared experiences, with a characteristic twinkle in his eye, of light-hearted and boyish games with his friends. After school he joined the family textile business, JG Train and Company, founded by his father and uncle. He worked at, and then ably led, the company until his retirement.

*Katherine Train (daughter)*

### **Llewellyn Maurice von Essen (1952, Pearce)**

Llewellyn (Llew) passed away peacefully at Umdoni Retirement Village in Pennington after a five-month battle with pneumonia. He was 87 years of age.

After matriculating from Hilton, Llew went on to obtain an agricultural diploma at Cedara College of Agriculture. He soon caught the attention of Bruce McKenzie (another Hiltonian) who later became the Kenyan Minister of Agriculture. McKenzie offered him a position managing his farms in the Nakura County of Kenya where he

experienced firsthand the Mau Mau rebellion which was taking place at the time.

On his return to South Africa, he joined Eli Lilly, an American pharmaceutical company based in Isando, where he established the agricultural and veterinary division Elanco. During this time, he was appointed director of Elanco and later director of corporate affairs and human resources for Eli Lilly, Elanco and Elizabeth Arden.

In 1982, Llew was offered the position of head of public affairs at Murray & Roberts where he remained for over 16 years.



*Llewellyn von Essen*

Llew became very interested in public relations, particularly in the education side of public relations and he and a colleague, Chris Skinner, co-authored *The Handbook of Public Relations* and went on to publish seven editions of the book which quickly became the required reading of every aspiring practitioner. Llew then also went on to introduce a new book, *Profit from Proactive Public Relations*.

His ongoing interest in public relations led him to serve on the Public Relations Advisory Committee of the Witwatersrand, ML Sultan Technikon and Technikon Pretoria. He also went on to become chairman of the accreditation and ethics council of the Public Relations Institute of Southern Africa (Prisa), fellow and president of Prisa, president of the Elandsfontein / Isando Spartan Industrialists Association, chairman of Keep South Africa Beautiful, member of the Public Relations Institute of America and a member of the Institute of Marketing Management.

Llew's tireless efforts to promote the professionalisation of public relations in South Africa led to him receiving the Prisa President's Award in 1992.

Llew and his wife Ivona married in 1959 and lived in Sandton, before retiring to a rural property in Melmoth in KwaZulu-Natal where they lived for many years until moving to a retirement home in Pennington on the South Coast of Natal.

While in Melmoth he loved working on his vegetable garden, spending time in the local game parks and helping promote local business and tourism. He and Ivona had a mutual love of travelling and spent a great deal of time travelling throughout South Africa and overseas.

A grandfather to five and a great grandfather to one, Llew had two sons Craig and Quentin who like their father were also in Pearce house at Hilton College before both going on to graduate from the University of Cape Town.

*Craig von Essen (son)*

### **Kyle Peter Walker (2007, Churchill)**

Kyle passed away at the age of 32 from metastatic melanoma cancer (MMC). A true warrior at every step of the way, he put up an incredible and inspiring fight for 16 months since been diagnosed.

He passed away at Dove Palliative Care Hospital on the Sunshine Coast, Australia, peacefully, surrounded by his loving family.

The early years in SA provided a foundation for the man that he became. Australia represented his future, a place to live, love and grow old ... a place to build a life and shape his own destiny.

Kyle attended the University of Queensland, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce in accounting. He worked in the aviation sector from 2015 until 2022.

In 2008, Kyle had a melanoma mole removed from his upper back. There was no residual malignancy, but 13 years later, he was diagnosed with the MMC stage four.

After he was diagnosed, Kyle suffered pain, and while he feared what was to come he rarely lost his spirit. Even when confined to resting, he excitedly watched the Grand Prix, boxing, tennis, cricket, and rugby matches and talked about them with his mates and parents. His passion was aeroplanes. He absolutely loved flying.

A son, brother, uncle, grandson, friend. How do we even begin to put a goodbye into words? Our beautiful Kyle, gone too soon but gone to a better place than this. No longer earthside, but watching over us all and a guardian angel to his nephew, Wyatt.

Kyle's memory will forever be cherished by his parents Karen and Peter, his sisters Roxanne, Bianca and Alex, his stepmother Dani, brother-in-law Gareth and nephew Wyatt, as well as many cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends.

You are in our hearts always and live through the love and memories we have of you. We love you very much. Rest easy now, our Kyle.

*Karen Botha (mother)*



*Kyle Walker*



*The Walker Family*

*We would like to thank everyone who informed us of the sad passing of Old Hiltonians. It is a privilege to honour their lives and keep contact with their families. If you are aware of any Old Hiltonian who has passed, please inform Amanda Pistorius at [database@hiltoncollege.com](mailto:database@hiltoncollege.com).*

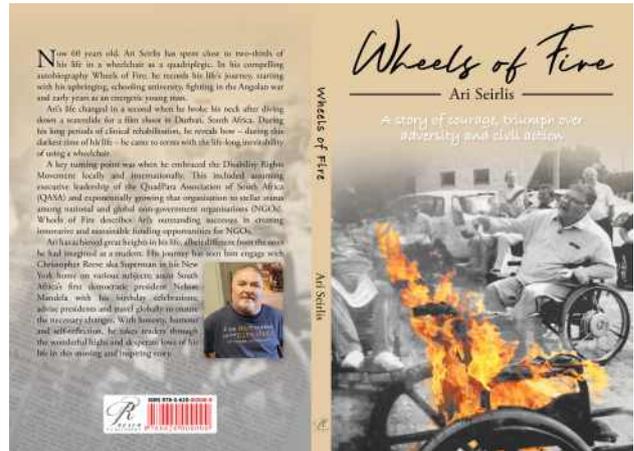


**Ari Seirlis (1979, Pearce)**

I recently published my autobiography, which tells of my growing up in a small-town environment, attending Highbury Preparatory School, Hilton College, and then a short stint at UCT.

I was called on to give two years to the army. National service involved fighting in the war in Angola, which is detailed in my book. In August 1985 I broke my neck in a diving accident and my life changed. I embraced the challenge, sought the opportunities available and had a wonderful career, albeit using a wheelchair. I have retired and used my 60th year to pen my story.

It has been an unusual journey. It wasn't my dream, but I am all the wiser and more resilient. To order my book, send an email to aris@iafrica.com.



*Ari Seirlis autobiography Wheels of Fire Full Cover*

**Jason Georghiou (1998, Pearce)**

It was a relatively uneventful year for us as a family. I hope 2023 will be better for all in South Africa, and the world.

In 2023, our daughter Chloe will go into for grade 5 at Fatima School and our son Christopher will go into grade 3 at Clifton School, Durban. My wife Sophie is in the final year of her B.Ed and excited to conclude her studies.

I have thoroughly enjoyed our visits back to Hilton to appreciate the beautiful grounds and fresh air. Hilton College, thank you for always welcoming Old Hiltonians back. For me, it is a reminder of how fortunate I was to be able to spend my high school years at Hilton College.



*Jason Georghiou in front of the admin block during a recent visit to Hilton College. He is pictured with his children Chloe and Christopher.*

**Adam Oldfield (1999, Falcon)**

I was recently voted to the board of the South African Institute of Steel Construction (SAISC). This is an honour bestowed for professional excellence and influence in the steel market.

A structural engineer, in charge of Cousins Steel International (Pty) Ltd, I was the recipient of two awards at the 2022 SAISC Steel Awards, one of which was for a Sports Centre in Khayelitsha for the Gary Kirsten Foundation.



*Adam Oldfield receiving one of two awards at the 2022 SAISC Steel Awards.*

**Lloyd Rowlands (1987, Pearce)**

We held our annual Hilton Michaelhouse KZN golf day at the picturesque Bosch Hoek golf club in the Midlands on 17 June 2022.

Having not played for two years, the guys were excited, and we had a full field with each side bringing 28 team members to the event (56 golfers in total).

It was a superb day with a lot of banter before, during and after the matches. The results didn't appear to be as important as the event. Hilton did, however, manage a sound victory, winning nine and a half matches to Michaelhouse's four and a half. It was another satisfactory win for Hilton in our 150th year.

Thank you to Hilton College and Brett Armstrong for sponsoring a number of 150th anniversary prizes, and thank you to the following members of the Hilton side: Kevin Fyvie, Dave Armour, Stuart Conlan, Mike Yeats, Fearne Gilson, Mark Boast, Willy James, Frank Hull, John McKenzie, Chris Phillips, Walter Bastard, Bruce Stott, Alex Warren, Min Warren, Chris Greene, Graham Parker, Ant Haines, Tim Morgan, Grant Waterhouse, Pete Greene, Matt Pennyfather, Mark Davies, Lloyd Rowlands, Ross Haines, Tim and Nic McSeveney, Wayne Fyvie and Mike Luscombe.



*Lloyd Rowlands with the trophy for the winner of the 2022 Hilton Michaelhouse KZN golf day.*



## The Fleur-de-Lys Club

It was a great year for the Fleur-de-Lys Club. The club was an integral part of the 150th celebrations in the year. We held numerous events throughout the year for Old Hiltonians and Hilton College parents.

For parents, the highlights of the year were the Matric Dance in March and the Grade 11 dance in August. We hosted leavers' dinners for each of the seven board houses. These events are very emotional times for parents and boys as they reminisce and reflect on their experience of Hilton. We also hosted dinners for the various sporting codes throughout the year.

The Fleur-de-Lys Club welcomed the following new Life Members in 2022:

C Barnard  
R L Basson  
M Bezuidenhout  
A K Cole  
C Ebersohn  
J Erasmus  
G Hayward  
G A Hogg

A D Jarvie  
G G Kershaw  
L Magasa  
A D Morrish  
A Mponda  
S L Myeza  
S Ngibane  
D L Patrick  
G Philips  
M Sithole  
A Sweidan  
B Vandayar  
M Warwick  
J Waterhouse  
T Webster

The committee wishes to express its most sincere gratitude to all the catering, maintenance, and security personnel for their unwavering support throughout the year.

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