

IMPACT REPORT

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HILTON COLLEGE



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Foreword from the Chairman of the Board of Governors

At Hilton College,
impact is not measured solely
by our achievements
but by how we honour our past
and shape the future.



As governors, our role is to safeguard the legacy of Hilton's vision – ensuring that the values which have defined this school for generations continue to guide its evolution. We are deeply aware that Hilton's strength lies in its ability to remain rooted in purpose while embracing the demands of a changing world. This balance between tradition and progress is what allows Hilton to remain contemporary and a place of enduring relevance and influence.

The strides we've made – in, amongst others, growing the endowment, developing future leaders and deepening our educational offering – are part of a longer journey. Our commitment is not just to the boys who walk these grounds today, but to those who will follow in decades to come. Continuity of vision ensures that Hilton remains a place where young men are formed with integrity, courage and clarity of purpose. It is this long-term stewardship that enables Hilton to not only survive but thrive – both as a school and as a force for good in South Africa and beyond.



Andrew Johnston
(1983, McKenzie)
Chairman, Board of Governors



A message from the Headmaster

Generosity remains a fundamental pillar
in the mission of a life well-lived.

This impact report details our ongoing
endeavour to be a community
who demonstrates these well-lived lives.



The work of giving back to a place that helped lay foundations for many of us to enjoy a fulfilling life is never-ending. The Advancement team who work tirelessly to keep Old Hiltonians engaged with this great school continues to do a sterling job. Engagement in, and concern for, Hilton's well-being is an essential element of building an institution that will outlive all of us; a legacy worth working for.

To everyone who continues to engage and contribute in time, talent and resource, my ongoing gratitude. Ours is a great school determined to remain impactful as we strive to live the hope of having a wider usefulness.



George Harris
Headmaster, Hilton College



Our first Giving Day was held on 27 February 2025 and served as a compelling reminder of the remarkable generosity and goodwill in our community.

On this memorable day, big-hearted Hiltonians collectively donated to our school more than R8.6 million.

For the uninitiated, Giving Days are fundraising events that have become popular at schools such as ours, which operate as non-profit entities and therefore generate little to no surplus for bursaries or new infrastructure. Without fundraising, Hilton could not afford to attract the talented boys we have at our school and nor would we have world-class facilities such as the Chamberlain Music Centre or the Draper-Gain Centre for Performance and Wellness.

Getting behind our slogan, **“Legacy in Action”**, Old Hiltonians, parents, staff and boys gave like never before, overshooting – by a long shot – our ambitious target of R5 million.

A sizeable amount came from so-called “match donors”, who pledged large sums of money in advance so that every donation on the day could be doubled using match donor funding.

We owe a debt of gratitude to match donors Mike Barnes, Mark Davies, Mark Hathorn, Lloyd Meaker and Hilton Ballies NPC. Together they, along with anonymous donors, gave R4 million before the first donation came in – making history as the match donors of our first Giving Day.

While our generous match donors set us up to succeed, it was our boys who stole the show. Manning 15 phones – in the Chamberlain Music Centre recital hall – the boys made more than 3000 calls mostly to Old Hiltonians and in some cases their parents.

One junior boy, who shall remain nameless, was heard saying, *“Hi Dad, please won't you give Hilton College some money? No, not from MY account. From yours!”*

By 1pm on day one, we had received R1m. With boys streaming in and out of the contact centre whenever their timetable allowed, the atmosphere was electric, and every time a big donation came in, the room erupted!

By 9pm, we were at R2.4m.

Calling alumni who had lived in their boarding houses, the boys were highly incentivised to win the title of Most Generous House. Apart from the bragging rights, they were also keen to bag money to buy a new pool table or foosball table for their house.

Day two was wild. By 9.45am we had raised R3.4m, and at 11am we were up another million. By midday, we had reached our target. Excited to be in a “bonus round”, our boys kept on calling targeting those who had not been called, and donations

from alumni offshore started to pour in. By the time we closed on the Friday night, we had reached R8m.

It was a thrilling experience for every person involved.

Of the 539 donations made, 66 percent were once-off donations and the remainder were from new monthly donors.

Since one of the aims of our Giving Day was to grow our base of monthly donors, this is a significant win for us. We went from 109 monthly donors to almost 300. With more than 6,500 living Old Hiltonians on our database, we could grow our endowment fund substantially in a relatively short time if all those who can afford to give committed to giving as little as R100 a month.

As we continue to build Hilton together, let's change the narrative about Hilton being “South Africa's most expensive school” to become known as the generous people we are: “South Africa's most generous school”.

Giving Day goal: R5 million

Achieved: R8.6 million



New monthly donors: 190

Number of donations: 539



A Guide to the Four Funds



LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS FUND

This fund provides financial assistance to boys from families who don't have the means to send their sons to Hilton College, including the sons of Old Hiltonians.



PINNACLES FUND

This fund is to facilitate the ongoing maintenance of the Hilton College campus and fund new infrastructure projects.



UMNGENI FUND

The purpose of this fund is for environmental and conservation projects linked to the Hilton College estate.



VULA FUND

Provides funding for Vula, our flagship community partnerships project, and for projects undertaken by our community partners – Thembelihle School, Angels' Care and Love Howick.

Hilton College Endowment Foundation

Since its establishment in 1958, the Hilton College Endowment Foundation functioned as a general-purpose fund. In 2020, we diversified by launching four distinct funds that address the varied interests of our stakeholders.

Some people prefer to support a human-capital-focused endowment, others a building-infrastructure endowment, while others may have a preference for environmental or social causes. Of course, Hilton will gratefully accept endowments that don't specifically fit any of these categories.

There are a number of ways you can contribute to Hilton's endowment, from regular or once-off donations to bequests in your will.

The endowment foundation is a trust managed by seven trustees, four of whom are independent of the Hilton College Board of Governors. The portfolio is conservatively invested and has about 40% of total funds invested in offshore assets.

Subject to certain legislative conditions, any financial contribution to the Hilton College Endowment Foundation qualifies for a section 18A tax certificate under the South African Income Tax Act. Donors in these countries can also now receive tax benefits subject to each country's tax laws: UK, USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.



Beneficiary Profiles

Akhona Kunene

(2023, Newnham)



Akhona Kunene (2023, Newnham) arrived at Hilton College on a rugby scholarship, stepping into the unknown like a Number Eight breaking from the base of the scrum. Hilton was a world away from Hammarsdale township, but Akhona took the ball, charged forward – and never looked back.

Before he had even matriculated, he got the call from the Blue Blues, inviting him into their junior intake. By 10 January 2024, he was in Pretoria, trading the misty hills of Hilton for the highveld heat. “I think I went from the most English place to the most Afrikaans place in South Africa,” he laughs.

“I’m confident in my abilities. I feel good things are coming.”

While his coaches speak English, he says, “when they shout at you, it’s in Afrikaans” – a language he’s learning to understand, especially under pressure.

The past two years have tested Akhona’s grit. He’s continued to pursue rugby while studying by night, working towards a BCom in economics. He’s not pursuing a specific career yet, but is clear-eyed about the future: “I need something to fall back on when my body can no longer sustain rugby.”

Akhona says Hilton set him up for success in life, especially relationally.

“Hilton taught me how to respect other peoples’ boundaries and to read cues. Here, we hardly ever go home; we’re together 24/7. Hilton taught me how to relate to people from all walks of life.”

While he fondly remembers his dorm mates as his brothers who were his biggest supporters at school, he says the Dyer and Rankin families and his mate Devon Thomson are his biggest supporters.

“...when I make my mark in the world, it will be because Mr Fox invested in me.”

Maths and music are deeply intertwined – linked by rhythm, harmony, and structure – and so it perhaps makes sense that Hilton’s inaugural Gerald Fox Arts Scholar has chosen to study construction rather than the arts. Vhuthihi Siwada (2023, Ellis), a gifted musician, is now in his second year at Wits, pursuing a BSc in construction. His path reflects the creative and analytical duality that both music and the built environment share.

“I’m not sure what I want to build. I just know that in construction I could make an impact in South Africa, be it building schools, hospitals, housing, roads – developing infrastructure will make the country a better place,” he says.

These days Vhuthihi plays music for relaxation, when his study load feels too much. He arrived at Hilton in Grade 10 from Drakensberg Boys Choir School, and it was here that he first learned to play the saxophone. Vhuthihi says his music teacher Ms Simone van Niekerk was instrumental, igniting in him a passion for jazz.

Vhuthihi says being awarded the Gerald Fox scholarship was an enormous honour and revealed to him his own potential.

“If I could speak to Mr Fox, I would thank him for seeing potential in me; for helping me finish Hilton College. He’s investing in young people, and when I make my mark in the world, it will be because of his investment in me.”

With an acute sense of responsibility to care for others, Vhuthihi is already finding ways to serve, and was recently elected to the Construction, Economics & Management student council at Wits. “I love helping people articulate their issues because I believe in community, which is something I learned from boarding at Hilton.”

“I believe in community, which I learned at Hilton.”

Vhuthihi Siwada

(2023, Ellis)



"The discipline cultivated by balancing academics, boarding and sport instilled in me self-assurance..."

Connor Woods

(2023, Falcon)



Connor Woods (2023, Falcon) is studying psychological sciences at Bond University on the Gold Coast of Australia.

Joining Hilton from St David's Marist Inanda, he was awarded a water polo scholarship and went on to distinguish himself as an outstanding academic. Connor was named our A-Levels Scholar of the Year in 2023 (along with Gabriel Njonjo) after being awarded A symbols for all three of his A-Level subjects.

The Cambridge pathway offered by Hilton was pivotal in helping Connor realise his dream of studying abroad, while also equipping him with a mindset geared toward independent research and applied learning, he says.

"Although I never took maths as a subject in Grades 11 and 12, the critical thinking fostered by the Cambridge pathway has

allowed me to consistently produce high-level lab reports, navigate statistical coursework, and critically assess complex statistical literature every semester."

Connor says that thanks to Hilton, he is leagues ahead of his university peers in Australia. "Hilton's approach fostered academic rigour and deeply shaped my character," he reflects. "The discipline cultivated by balancing academics, boarding and sport instilled in me a resilient self-assurance and helped me adapt to vastly new environments and the responsibilities of living, studying and working overseas."

He's particularly thankful to Mr Andrew Duncan for recognising his potential as a water polo player and Dr Alexei Du Bois for igniting his passion for applied learning.

Connor says he's convinced that for every Hilton boy who expresses himself and pursues his passions, there is someone at Hilton to open new doors and offer support beyond measure.



Beneficiary Profile

Donor Profile

Mike Barnes (1968, Pearce) may not have been an academic standout at Hilton – he jokes that he loved the school so much he repeated Standard 9 – but that never stood in the way of his success.

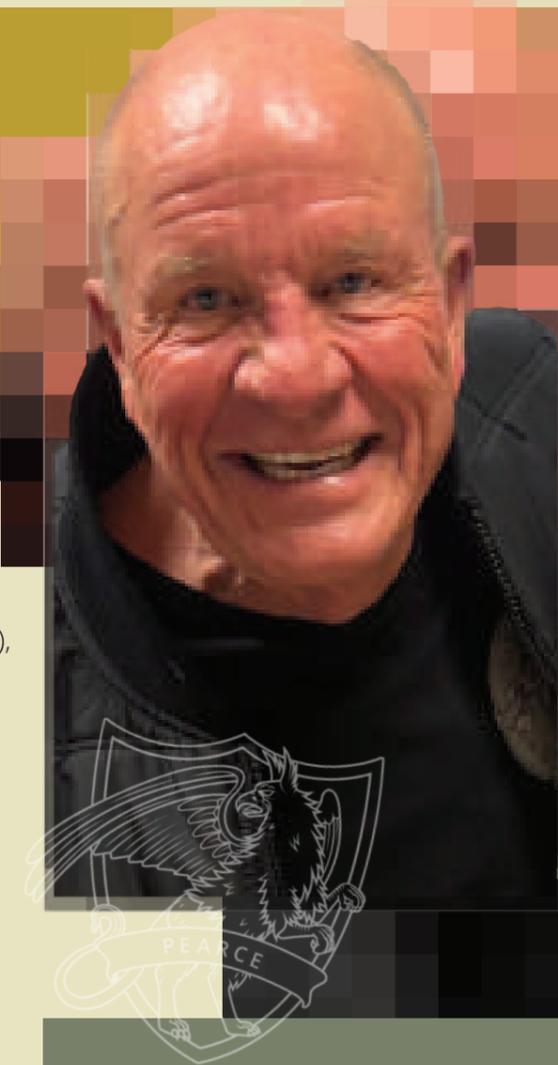
An entrepreneur who made most of his fortune in mining, Mike became a Hilton benefactor almost by chance. During a chat with his friend, the late John Hodgson, who served as chairman of the Board of Governors from 1999 to 2009, Mike became aware of the challenges facing the school when boarding houses are being renovated, especially when the boys were still in residence.

"As a Pearce old boy, I suggested to John that we create a new Pearce House and leave old Pearce vacant to accommodate boys when their houses are being renovated." And so, Mike gifted to Hilton what is now Pearce House.

A down-to-earth and big-hearted man, he loved his time at Hilton. He excelled at swimming and water polo, getting colours for both, and was awarded honours for gymnastics under the one and only Pabby Bould.

Mike Barnes

(1968, Pearce)



Mike's passion in life is aviation (he owns an air charter company that operates passenger jets and a fleet of turbine helicopters), and his flying exploits are legendary – as is his love for speed – he is internationally recognised for speedboat racing. Mike has flown helicopters for South Africa at two world championships and once transported a lightly sedated 210kg gorilla from Johannesburg Zoo to Onderstepoort and back for a CT scan.

Mike Barnes saw a need – and realised he could meet it. For him, it was that simple. A proud Old Hiltonian, he takes genuine pride in the remarkable achievements of our alumni. Being in a position to give was what inspired him to act – and he hopes others will feel the same pull.

"It's an enormous honour and privilege to attend this wonderful institution," he says – a sentiment he hopes will spark others to help shape Hilton's future, just as he has.

Donor Profile

William Alfred Campbell, affectionately known as "Wac," remains one of Hilton College's most significant benefactors. Though he attended Hilton only briefly before completing his education at The Leys School and Cambridge University, his lifelong commitment to the school was extraordinary.

A third-generation sugar planter and miller, Campbell led Natal Estates for many years and was also a pioneering conservationist – founder of Mala Mala game reserve and an early member of the National Parks Board. His contributions to Hilton were both visionary and generous. As a young man, he served as a director of Hilton College Limited and was among the signatories of the 1928 Covenant of Dedication, which transferred ownership of the school to The Hiltonian Society. In doing so, Campbell and others donated their shares, becoming the society's first benefactors. He also served as one of its first governors.

Campbell's support continued throughout his life.

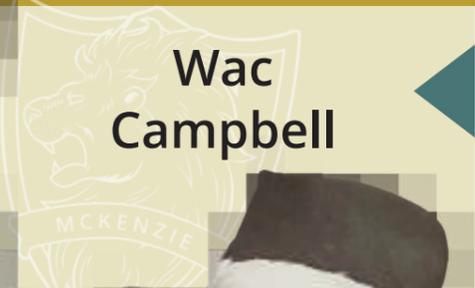
He contributed to the completion of the chapel (1928), the construction of McKenzie House (1958), and endowed a scholarship in memory of his son Athol, for boys from the sugar industry. His most significant gift came in 1943: the donation of "Lund's farm," a 492-hectare portion of Broedershoek, expanding Hilton's estate east of the Teapots stream.

In 1958, he served as patron of the Endowment Trust appeal, and the following year, the board honoured him by naming the main building the William Campbell Block. He passed away in 1962, aged 82.

Campbell's legacy is not only in the land and buildings, but in the enduring spirit of stewardship he inspired – a call to give, to protect, and to build for future generations.

"My greatest joy in all this is that it belongs to us; that it is a gift, in trust, from the Old Boys. It is a trust that you and I must honour. It is a gift that we must keep safe. We can do that by giving; by building up an endowment fund that will make it completely safe and independent for posterity."

William Alfred Campbell



Wac Campbell

"Life is about creating joy and opening doors of opportunity for others."

– says one of Hilton's newest monthly donors, student Akani Nxumalo (2024, Churchill).



Akani Nxumalo
(2024, Churchill)

"I'm a monthly donor because I want to give others the opportunity I had – the chance to experience a Hilton education. My contribution may be small, but it still helps open the door for someone else to have the same life-changing opportunity I was fortunate to have."

Akani, who is studying towards a BCom in financial management at Varsity College in Cape Town, says the value of a Hilton education is "indefinable".

"It goes beyond academics – while the classroom education was strong, the real lessons came from life in the boarding houses. Hilton taught me discipline, time management, and the ability to connect and work with others, shaping me in ways no other school could have."

In his time at Hilton, Akani was one of Hilton's most passionate supporters: a war cry leader who energized and united our boys on the sides of sports fields, serving as a spirited role model, setting the tone at school events.

Akani says Hilton drew him out of his shell and gave him the confidence to be more embracing, kind, nurturing and outgoing. "Those were the best years of my life," he says.

He urges his peers to join him in giving back.

"Why hold back when we are able to pay it forward?"



Vula in 2025

Founded 25 years ago, the Vula Programme has as its mission the improvement of the teaching and learning in under-resourced township and rural schools, with a particular emphasis on the secondary school lighthouse subjects of Physical Science and Mathematics.

Initially limited to the Midlands area of KwaZulu-Natal, the programme's footprint now extends to six, mostly rural, of the province's 12 educational districts.

The programme's Theory of Change statement recognises that for long-term improvement to be realised in the quality of teaching, ongoing and sustained upskilling interventions have to be undertaken for and with the teachers, who need to be willing participants. This is an interactive process which includes exposure to, and use of, the best up-to-date IT resources.

This has been an excellent year for the programme, with its outputs during 2025 being:

- ➔ 119 Maths and Science teachers and school principals attended training workshops held over five weeks during the April, July, and October school holidays.
- ➔ 15 teachers were enrolled in the Vula Mathematics Academy (VuMA) during Terms 1 and 2. Since VuMA's inception in 2014, 260 teachers have completed the programme, each receiving a laptop upon completion.
- ➔ 72 Grade 8 and 9 Maths teachers from the King Cetshwayo, Harry Gwala, Pinetown, and iLembe districts participated in four two-week workshops during Terms 3 and 4.
- ➔ 10 GET Maths subject advisers from across the province attended a week-long workshop.

- ➔ 100 Science teachers from 80 schools engaged in regular interactions with Vula, benefiting from access to loaned laboratory equipment, study guides, and school visits. The equipment is used by approximately 10,000 learners who rely on it for practical science education.
- ➔ 500 Grade 12 learners from Vula schools attended a Careers Day in February, exploring career paths that require strong Maths and Science results.
- ➔ The Grade 12 class of PROTEC Pietermaritzburg participated in a four-day Maths and Science revision week during July.
- ➔ 11 school principals who are part of the Vula School Principals' Leadership Forum attended a three-day leadership gathering.
- ➔ 8 Hilton College teacher interns spent two weeks teaching at Umthoqotho, a Vula partner school in a nearby rural community.

Teachers attending these activities during the year were accommodated in the on-campus donor-funded Vula Lodges, with meals shared in the Hilton College dining hall.

All of the above contributed to the programme's long-term outcomes, including providing teachers with increased subject knowledge and better teaching methodologies, achieving improved results and feeling more self-assured and confident about their teaching abilities and insights.

We thank everyone who makes possible the ongoing operations of the Vula Programme.

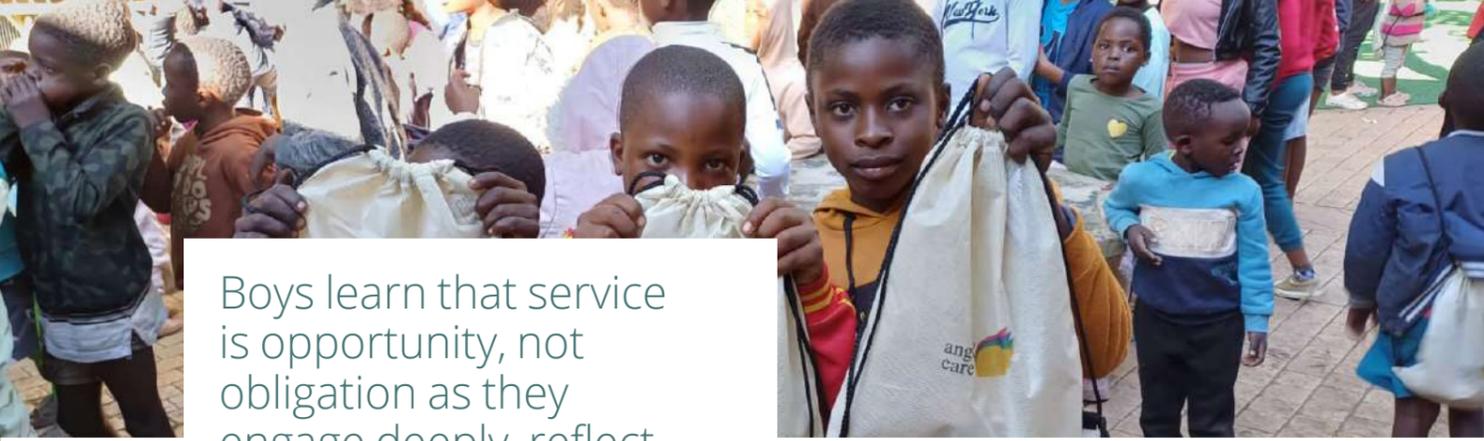
For more information, or to arrange a visit, please contact Lloyd Smuts, the Vula Director, at LS@hiltoncollege.com

www.hiltonvula.com



Vula offers a comprehensive programme, upskilling under-resourced maths and science teachers for up to three months in residence, all funded by donors, including Old Hiltonians.





Boys learn that service is opportunity, not obligation as they engage deeply, reflect on privilege, and act with purpose. They draw insights from diverse stories and seek to transform the world, advancing Hilton's mission of wider usefulness.

Grade 12 learner Nqubeko Majozi shared his personal story of loss, sparking a nationwide conversation about gender-based violence. His campaign raised more than R30 000 for survivor care packs at the Angels' Care Crisis Centre:

"It starts with us, the younger generation. We must have these conversations as we are the future fathers and leaders of the country."

Community Partnerships

This year has been one of deepened purpose and growth as our focus shifted from participation to leadership, from complacency to conviction, and from isolated acts of kindness to a culture of service.



Through collaboration with our community partners Thembelihle School, Angels' Care, and Love Howick, Hilton boys from Grades 8 to 12 have been immersed in experiences that nurture empathy, awareness, and responsible citizenship this year.

sessions, reflective dialogue, and practical mentorships ensure leadership is lived, not merely taught.

This year, Grade 8 boys completed introductory Ethical Leadership training. In Grade 9, 25 boys elected to study it as a specialist subject, combining theory with community-based practice. They completed mentorships at Thembelihle School and participated in empathy workshops and a "Manhood" retreat. Grades 10-11 continued formal theory and practice within the broader Leadership Training Programme.

Initiatives by Grade 12 boys Sizwe Pwele, Nqubeko Majozi, and Robbie Hayward who have led by example have had far-reaching impact – from mentorship programmes and GBV advocacy to raising R70 000 for Thembelihle learners. These young men remind us that empathy and courage are powerful agents of change.

Almost every day of the week buses of boys leave our campus to coach sport, deliver sandwiches or play with children at aftercare.

Ethical Leadership is now a cornerstone of our curriculum, advancing a kinder culture in the classroom and shaping boys into empathetic, morally courageous leaders. From Grade 8 to Grade 11, structured

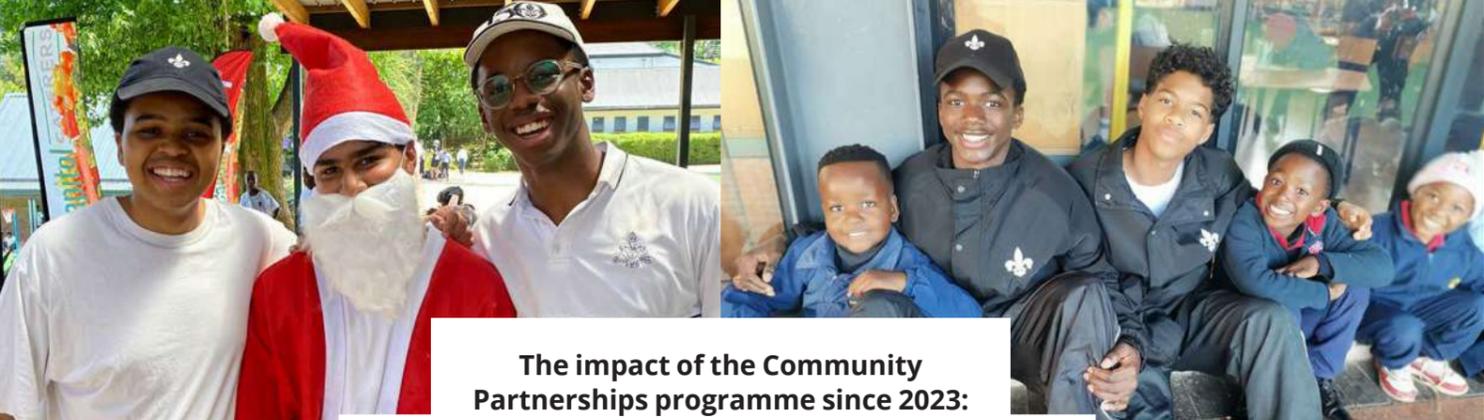


SPORT FOR LIVES CAMPAIGNS

This year, Hilton boys gave their all to raising funds and awareness through Sport for Lives campaigns. In temperatures as low as three degrees, they embodied endurance and compassion during two simultaneous events: a "Tennisthon" for Thembelihle and a "Swimathon" for CHOC. Over 24 hours, tennis players rallied tirelessly to launch a tennis programme at Thembelihle, while swimmers completed an astounding 5 743 laps (143 km) in honour of children battling cancer at Grey's Hospital. Together, these efforts raised more than R100 000, proving that when the Hilton community unites in service, extraordinary things happen.

Duncan van Niekerk (Grade 10) turned tennis into advocacy, raising R17 000 for Angels' Care and his campaign earned him recognition as a SPAR Hero of the Week.

Run for Rangers remains one of Hilton College's most inspiring events, challenging boys to test resilience and compassion. For the fourth consecutive year, Hilton boys and staff undertook the gruelling 100 km journey through Babanango Game Reserve, running alongside rangers on the frontlines of anti-poaching – often within sight of rhino and even lion. Their efforts raised more than R109 000 for Project Rhino, supporting under-resourced rangers who risk their lives to protect our wildlife.



The impact of the Community Partnerships programme since 2023:

More than **18 000** sandwiches made

Seven out of Seven houses involved

Approximately **R830,000** raised by our boys

1000s of hours of time invested by boys playing, cleaning up and coaching

Four sports coached

Eight local NPOs served

Heart impact : **priceless**



Fast Facts

93

Sons of Old Hiltonians at Hilton College in 2025

87

Sons of Old Hiltonians enrolled for 2026

R5.1m

The total value of assistance to sons of Old Hiltonians in 2026

552

The number of applicants for 110 places in 2026 vs 191 applicants for 112 places in 2016

9,528

Hiltonians on our database

6,645

Old Hiltonians on our database

291

The number of monthly donors in 2025 vs 88 in 2024

189

The number of Old Hiltonians who are monthly donors (2.8% of Old Hiltonians)

Donations to the Four Funds in 2025:

R25.5m

to the **Lift Up Your Hearts Fund**
(With special thanks to Seriti for the substantial donation)

R1.3m

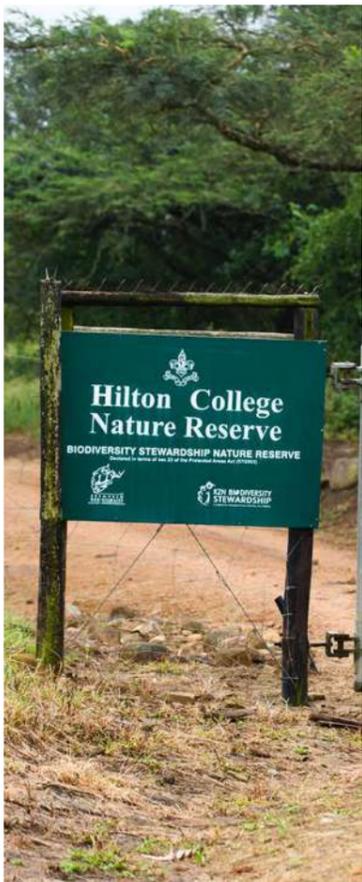
to the **Pinnacles Fund**

R100K

to the **uMngeni Fund**

R2m

to the **Vula Fund**



Hilton College Nature Reserve

From Conservation to Connection: Our Reserve's Wider Usefulness

The privilege of owning a nature reserve comes with the responsibility to use it wisely, share it generously, and steward it with care. This includes raising awareness about the importance of conserving our unique environment and creating opportunities for others to experience its wonder.

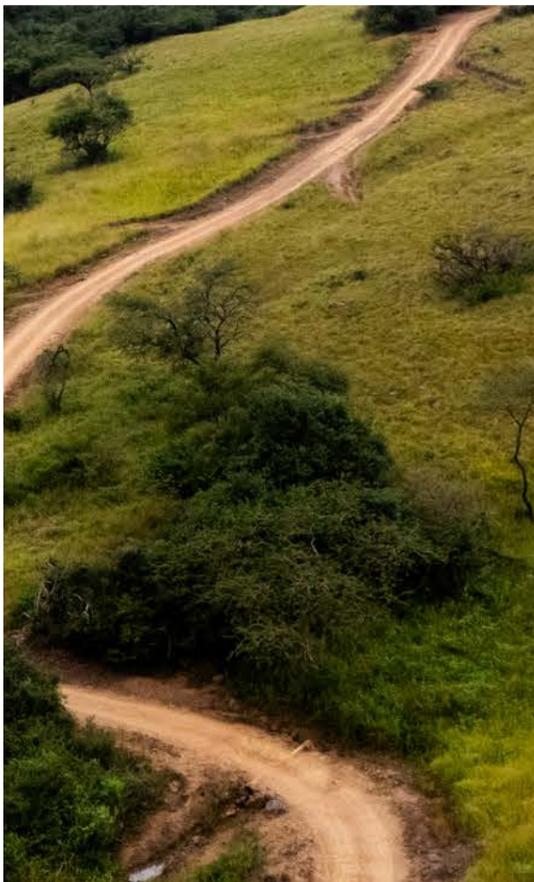
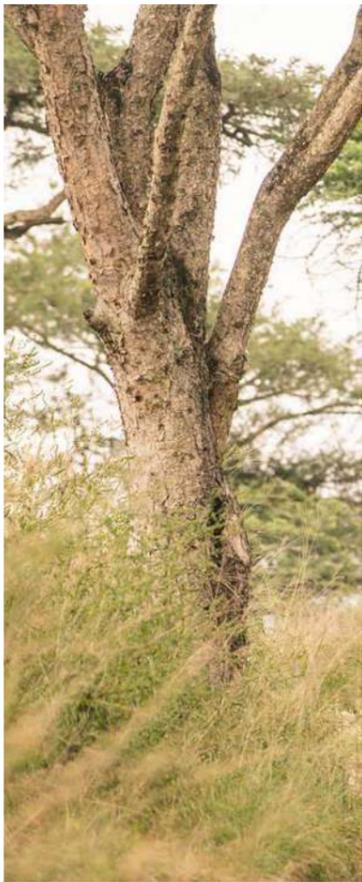
Fowler from Upland River Conservation. Many guests camped overnight and stayed for a relaxed braai after flyfishing for Yellowfish – an experience that deepened their connection to the reserve and its purpose.

In a new initiative this year, we hosted our first Moms & Sons Hike for families considering Hilton College for their sons. Twenty-two moms and their excited boys pitched tents – assisted by Hilton boys – at the Lapa the night before the hike, eager to explore the reserve and get a taste of Hilton life. The boys elected to lead the school in 2026 co-hosted the event, answering questions about boarding and sharing what makes Hilton the extraordinary school it is.

Following the success of our inaugural River Day in 2024 – an event designed to highlight the need for improved river health – we hosted a second gathering this year at the Henley Lapa. Renamed uMngeni Day, the event marked the launch of the KwaZulu-Natal Yellowfish Project in partnership with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN).

Initiated by Matt Fitzsimons (Ellis, 1991), this year's event drew more than 30 participants for an inspiring day that featured talks by Matthew Burnett, principal scientist at UKZN's Institute of Natural Resources, and Andrew

The following morning, more moms and sons joined the group for a hike through our breathtaking reserve. The event was a resounding success – an authentic, memorable experience that we hope will become an annual event.



Recent Developments

DRAPER-GAIN CENTRE FOR PERFORMANCE AND WELLNESS

Opened late last year, the Draper-Gain Centre for Performance and Wellness is one of Hilton College's most significant infrastructure investments in recent memory.

This world-class facility has quickly become a cornerstone of daily life on campus, with boys and staff making full use of its cutting-edge resources. Its presence is already shaping a healthier, more resilient community.



THE NEW DRAPER-GAIN CENTRE FOR PERFORMANCE AND WELLNESS

THE FLEUR-DE-LYS SHOP AND CLUB

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we were able to carry out much-needed renovations to both the Fleur-de-Lys Shop and the club this year.

We are deeply grateful for the sponsored expertise, materials, and labour that made these upgrades possible.

A special thank you goes to parent Nici Beaumont, wife of Old Hiltonian Greg, who transformed the shop with beautiful décor, stylish lighting, and new furniture, and to Old Hiltonian Guy Armstrong for donating the windows.

At the club, parent Chantal Webber took the lead in revamping and redecorating the ablution facilities, recreating these spaces adding a refined and refreshed aesthetic.

In addition to the physical upgrades, we've also refreshed our retail offering. The shop now features a more relevant and contemporary range of Hilton College supporters' merchandise, contributing to one of our most successful years yet. This transformation is thanks in large part to Matthew Fitzsimmons, whose insight and guidance were instrumental in refining the range.

If you haven't yet visited the new-look shop, we warmly invite you to stop by next time you're on campus. We think you'll love what you see!





ELLIS HOUSE UNVEILS HARAMBEE STATUE

In a proud moment for Ellis House, the last of Hilton's boarding houses without a mascot statue now boasts a magnificent 1m-high, 1.85m-long brass sculpture of "Harambee". Spearheaded by parent Lorinda McGhee and funded by the Ellis Class of 2024 – with support from Old Hiltonians and current boys – the campaign was so successful it raised a surplus of R500,000, now earmarked for house renovations. Support continues through the sale of brass Harambee paperweights at the Fleur-de-Lys shop, with proceeds going towards this legacy project.

■ FALCON HOUSE REFRESH:

This year, Falcon's entrance hall and the house manager's office both received a refresh, thanks to the generosity and artistic flair of Falcon mom Chantal Webber. She donated striking wallpaper featuring a majestic falcon that now graces the entrance hall and a beautifully curated print for Mrs Khanyile's office.

RENOVATIONS AND REFRESH

CHURCHILL HOUSE

RENOVATIONS: Late last year, Churchill was renovated to accommodate all boys upstairs and to create more study space for the boys. This entailed moving the hot water boilers into a new boiler room near the braai area and converting the original boiler room into single studies. The wall between the prep room and the kit room was removed to create a bigger prep room, and the room behind the fountain in the quad was converted into a new kit room.

Early this year, the entrance hall to the house, along with the prep room and the house manager's office were redecorated.

All of this was made possible thanks to donors who wish to remain anonymous. We are immensely grateful to them for their generosity.



We are excited to announce the proposed development of a modern indoor cricket centre at Hilton College – an ambitious project that aims to elevate the standard of our cricketing infrastructure.

The benefits of an indoor cricket centre, and its ideal location, have long been debated at Hilton. It is strongly felt that such an indoor practice facility, with enabling technology, has become a necessity at Hilton.

This facility will not only enhance training opportunities year-round but also position Hilton as a leader in cricket development across the region.

We invite you to be part of this transformative journey.

Cricket at Hilton

Cricket has been synonymous with Hilton for more than 150 years. Over the decades, countless boys, members of staff and parents have enjoyed the benefits of supporting this remarkable sport.

Considering its size, Hilton has produced a disproportionate number of outstanding cricketers. Names like Roy McLean, Johnny Waite, Mike Proctor, Derek Crookes and Lungi Ngidi are familiar to cricket followers the world over.

The benefits of cricket to Hilton stretch way beyond the field. Cricketing attributes like etiquette, grit, tenacity, sportsmanship, strategy and camaraderie, permeate the wider fabric of the school.

Cricket – the global game, played locally

Cricket ranks as the second most popular sport in the world, with an estimated 2.5 billion followers. Recent innovations like the IPL and the T20 format of the game have catalysed a meteoric rise in the game's popularity.

The SA20, our country's equivalent to the IPL, has given much-needed impetus to the sport in South Africa. Consequently, there has been a significant rise in participation, demonstrated by the popularity of initiatives like the LPL and Last Man Stands.

With this local and international momentum, together with its rich cricketing pedigree, Hilton College is well placed to further enhance its reputation as one of South Africa's leading cricketing schools.

Coaching Excellence

At the helm of our cricket programme is David Griffiths, a seasoned professional who brings over a decade of experience from the English County Circuit, having played for Kent and Hampshire. David's recent appointment as coach of the KZN Inland U19/U16 teams further underscores the calibre of coaching available at Hilton.

Our coaching staff includes 12 dedicated coaches, supported by student coaches and external specialists, many of whom are actively involved in Midlands and KwaZulu-Natal cricket.

Competitive Structure

Hilton fields 12 teams each Saturday across age groups:

- Open (4)
- U16 (2)
- U15 (3)
- U14 (3)

Cricket is played in Terms 1 and 4, with pre-season training and the Hilton Premier League (HPL) takes place in Term 3. The HPL, launched in 2017, sees A-team players drafted into franchises for a competitive, three-week tournament.

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Michael Frost (Ireland 'A')
- Luc Benkenstein (Essex)
- Alistair Frost (Munster Red)
- John Turner (Hampshire, Trent Rockets and England)
- Michael Booth (Warwickshire)
- Michael Sclanders (Auckland Aces)
- Eathan Bosch (SA A and South Africa)

YOUTH REPRESENTATION:

- Over 150 Coca-Cola Week caps
- 22 SA Schools representatives
- Consistent representation in KZN Inland U16 and U19 teams

A Call to support Cricket at Hilton

The proposed indoor cricket centre will be a game-changer – not just for Hilton College, but for cricket in South Africa. It will provide:

- All-weather training facilities
- Advanced coaching and analytics
- Opportunities for regional development and outreach

We are inviting passionate supporters of cricket to help bring this project to life. Your support will directly impact the next generation of cricketers and contribute to a legacy of excellence.

If you would like to learn more or explore partnership opportunities, we would be delighted to connect with you.

Please contact Director of Advancement Pete Storrar on prs@hiltoncollege.com



Your Generous Support

Thank you for your generous support of time and funding over the past year.

Your care and commitment have left our school in a better place.

Dear Hiltonians and members of the Hilton family,

Thank you for your generous support of time and funding over the past year. Your care and commitment have left our school in a better place.

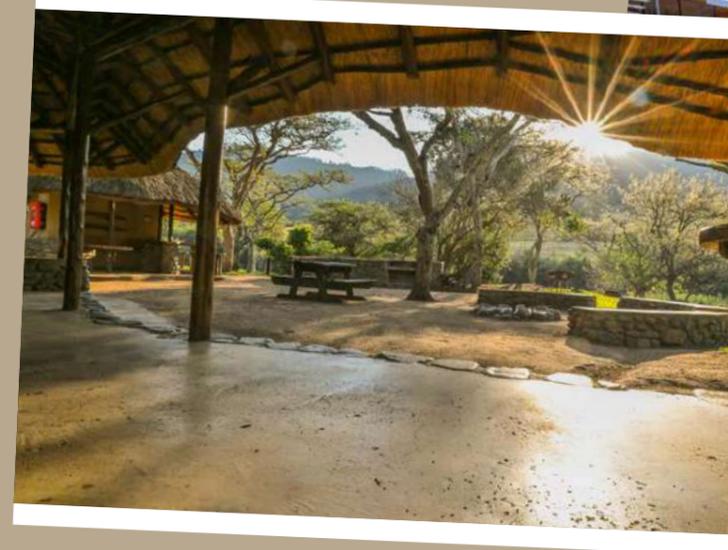
Since getting involved in the Old Hiltonian Club just over a year ago, I have been moved by the energy, care, and passion that Hiltonians continue to pour into our school. Ours is a remarkable community that, for more than 15 decades, has been a home for thousands of talented boys from all over South Africa and beyond. We are immensely proud of the impact Hiltonians make around the world, carrying the name of Hilton wherever they go.

Each of us who has walked these grounds carries with him the quiet knowledge that Hilton shaped not only our education, but our character.

What we gained here – discipline, courage, friendship and perspective – was not by chance. It was the result of generations who gave selflessly to something greater than themselves.

It is now our turn to act in kind. The mark of a Hiltonian is not nostalgia, but stewardship. We are the custodians of a legacy built on sacrifice and conviction. If we want Hilton to remain a place that forms young men of integrity and purpose, we must strengthen the foundation that sustains it, which is our endowment.

The generosity of the Hilton community reflected in our first Giving Day and the growing enthusiasm for our endowment foundation is contagious. When donors give of their time or resources to Hilton College, they naturally develop an even deeper interest in the sustainability of our school. This, in turn, becomes the flywheel that transforms and continuously improves.



While we've made great strides, there is still much to do. Our endowment fund remains far short of what is needed to provide meaningful assistance to sons of Old Hiltonians, the boys of families we want to attract and to secure the future of the school we all love.

The foundation offers several avenues for giving, reflecting Hilton's diverse spirit:

- **The Lift Up Your Hearts Fund**, supporting the sons of Old Hiltonians and other boys whose potential deserves the opportunity to flourish;
- **The Pinnacles Fund**, for the maintenance and enhancement of our campus;
- **The uMngeni Fund**, supporting the land and farm that nurture both learning and sustainability and develops frontiersmen; and
- **The Vula Fund**, amplifying Hilton's changemaking impact by advancing teaching and learning in underserved communities.

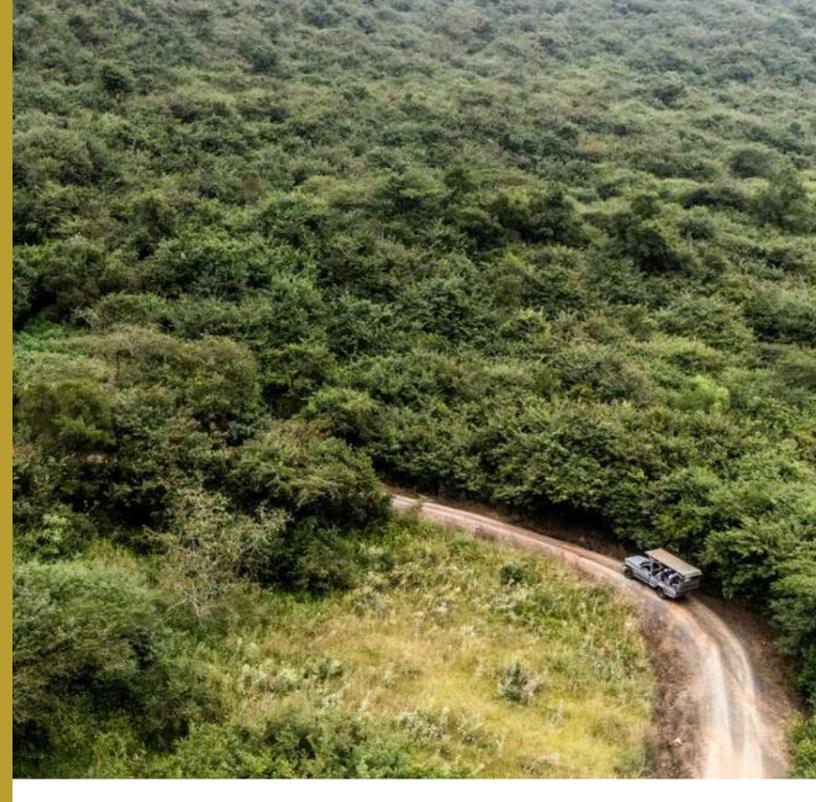
Each of these funds allows you to give in a way that aligns with your values, memories, and sense of purpose. Our task is neither burdensome nor heroic, it is simply right.

Hiltonians are the owners and custodians of this remarkable school. It is not just our school; it is our shared legacy. In giving, we exercise the virtues that Hilton itself instilled: **generosity, gratitude, and vision.**

So let us give of our time, talents, and resources not out of duty, but because we believe that a better world is possible; that education transforms lives; and that together we can lift up our hearts and through that, lift up others and make South Africa better.

Scott Rutherford
Chairman, The Old Hiltonian Club

Thank you to all our Benefactors



The Roll of Benefactors of The Hiltonian Society was established by the Board of Governors in 1991 and records the names of persons whose contribution to the society, or associated entities, has equalled or exceeded a year's school fee.

In the next edition we'll report using the new donor tiering system.

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The Hilton College Endowment Foundation was established in 1959 and exists to support Hilton College in a variety of ways but particularly in providing funding for bursaries for deserving boys.

We appeal to Old Hiltonians to sign up as a monthly donor. It matters not how much you give, but rather that you give. If a lot of us give a little, we can do a great deal more for our boys.

Introducing a Donor Tiering System

TO RECOGNISE HILTON COLLEGE DONORS

We are proud to present The Hilton Legacy Circle – our new way of recognising and celebrating the generosity of everyone who supports Hilton College.

This simple tiered system, which replaces what used to be known as the Roll of Benefactors, allows us to acknowledge every single donor, no matter the size of their contribution.

It is based on the value of one year's school fees with three defined tiers:

1

HILTON SUPPORTERS

all donations less than a single year's school fees

2

HILTON BENEFACTORS

all donations of more than one year's school fees but less than three year's fees

3

HILTON GUARDIANS

all donations greater than three year's school fees

Each tier is represented by a different coloured fleur-de-lys – white, black, or silver – a simple yet special symbol of appreciation.

It is our intention to bring **The Hilton Legacy Circle** to life both virtually online and physically through a beautiful donor wall at the school, reminding us that every gift makes a difference and that together, we can build something truly lasting.

EXCLUSIVE MEANINGFUL YOURS



Become a monthly donor and receive an exclusive Hilton College gratitude cap. A limited-edition symbol of your lasting impact. It's our way of saying thank you for standing with us.



SCAN TODAY AND WEAR YOUR IMPACT WITH PRIDE.

LOOK GOOD. DO GOOD.

In March this year, ahead of the winter season, we launched the Old School Hilton College Supporter's jersey – a uniquely designed, unisex, quality jersey for Hilton College fans. This was a fundraising initiative in support of the Hilton College Endowment Foundation. The jersey was sold through the Fleur-De-Lys shop and at pop-up shops at various sporting fixtures and events.

It has been an outstanding success with approximately 700 jerseys having been sold to date! The success of this initiative has set the tone for future collaborations with other premium brands and the opportunity to support the endowment foundation with such products.

We also introduced a gratitude cap exclusively for monthly donors this year. The cap is black and understated, sporting a subtle fleur-de-lys on the front.



Hilton College Endowment Foundation

This summary highlights the financial health and strategic support provided by the Hilton College Endowment Foundation (HCEF) for the 12 months to September 2025.

The HCEF has had a strong year both in terms of contributions from the Hilton family and investment performance.

It is growing and actively supporting Hilton College through scholarships and capital for infrastructure.

It's managed with long-term stability in mind, ensuring predictable support for the school regardless of market ups and downs.

STRONG FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

- **Investment Growth:** The foundation earned a **20.6% return** over the past year, which is excellent.
- **Assets Under Management:** The HCEF now holds **R75.2 million** in investible funds – up by R14 million since December 2024.
- **Additional Funds:** There's also **R13.7 million** specifically for scholarships, bursaries, and prizes. These funds are in the school's name.

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AND THE SCHOOL

- In **2026**, the foundation will give:
 - **R4 million** for scholarships and bursaries.
 - **R1 million** to support the Advancement office, which handles enrolment, marketing, fundraising and alumni relations, among other things.
- The foundation commits a fixed rand amount each year (not a percentage) to help the school plan its fees with certainty – even if investment performance drops.

LOANS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS

- The HCEF also helps the school with interest-free loans for capital projects that benefit the school financially.
- **Current loans** (not part of the R75.2m fund):
 - **R11 million** for the Valley relocation plan.
 - **R3.5 million** for Gwens Stream Estates.
 - **R1.8 million** (initially) for a new **solar plant**, expected to total **R3.5 million**.
- The school has already repaid the loan for the astroturf built in 2023.



Chairman's Note

My sincere thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the HCEF this year and, of course, to the many who have contributed in the past.

At the end of this year, I will step away from the HCEF after 10 years as chairman. I am pleased that the incoming chairman, Anton Jooste, has a good knowledge of the school, the HCEF, and the old boys' network, and so am confident that he and the trustees will maintain and grow the HCEF's important role as strategic and financial partner to Hilton College.

With best regards,

Guy Hayward
(1982, Falcon)
Chairman, Hilton College Endowment Foundation

Scorecard

TOP SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING OUR BOYS



Stellenbosch University, University of Cape Town, University of Pretoria, University of the Witwatersrand

TOP INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES ACCEPTING OUR BOYS



Harvard, Columbia, Stanford, Yale, University of California, University of Notre Dame, University of Bath, University of St Andrews, The University of Sydney

TOP
Teachers

26 of our teachers are IEB markers, senior markers or examiners; and 5 are IGCSE, AS or A-Level markers or examiners.

43%

of our boys play or are learning to play a musical instrument.

32 boys

in Grades 10 to 12 take music as a subject.

3 boys

have been selected to represent South Africa at NASA Space School in Houston over the past four years.

TOP
in the World

Rated one of the top 100 schools in the world.

*Spear's Schools Index.

80%

of our Class of 2024 boys who took Visual Arts achieved an A symbol.

Hilton College Sports Achievements

SPORT	BOYS IN SA / NATIONAL TEAMS	ACHIEVEMENTS
ATHLETICS	2	6th nationally at Supersport Schools
CANOEING	3	SA K2 Champions
CRICKET	3	SA20 regional Champions and KZN Tuskers 100-ball Champions
GOLF	1	First schoolboy in 14 years to make Men's IPT team
HOCKEY	6	SA Men's Head Coach and SA U16 Analyst
RUGBY	5	1st XV ranked 10th nationally, Sharks U16 and U17 coaching appointments
SOCCER	3	U15 Cup Champions, #1 at St David's, Primo Big 10 Champions
WATER POLO	2	U14 team ranked #1 in KZN



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We welcome donations to any of the four main causes we advance. In addition, we gratefully accept donations towards any project that doesn't specifically fit into any of these categories.



BECOME A REGULAR DONOR

Make your donation by EFT, debit order, or through our secure online payment form. For recurring payments (locally or internationally), we support Mastercard and Visa credit cards.

MAKE A ONCE-OFF DONATION

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DONATE SHARES

As your company grows from strength to strength, our foundation could benefit from capital appreciation and dividend distributions. Consider donating shares in your public or private company to the Hilton College Endowment Foundation. For tax benefits, you can only deduct public shares that you donate (not private shares).

MAKE A BEQUEST

Ensure your legacy lives on to benefit Hilton College and its learners for decades to come. A bequest is a specific provision in your will directing certain assets in your estate to a beneficiary. Also known as a planned or deferred gift, a bequest allows you to enjoy your assets in your lifetime but share their benefits once you pass on.



Support Hilton College at no cost to you – make us your Woolworths MyDifference (formerly MySchool) beneficiary and give back with every shop.

Cattle Project

Whichever way you choose to give, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Launched in 2009 with the donation of 40 oxen, our cattle project has contributed significantly to the endowment fund, which in turn contributes to funding bursaries.

We've converted all our maize lands to Kikuyu pasture and increased our carrying capacity to between 700 and 850 oxen per season.

This growth has happened through weaner sponsorship and the reinvestment of project profits.

Join the cattle project by making a once-off donation of R8,000 to the Hiltonian Society.

This is used to buy an ox, who you get to name.

A competition is held annually to award the owner of the animal that gains the most weight. If "your" ox finishes the season with the highest average daily gain, you walk away from the AGM with the Pat Eustace floating trophy and the grand prize of 1kg of biltong!

For more information, please email: cattle@hiltoncollege.com

CONTACT US

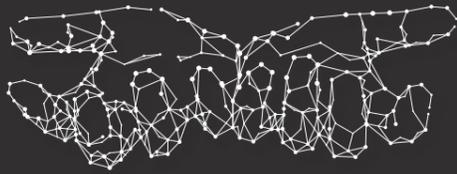
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Hilton Ties



Imagine a platform exclusively for members of the Hilton family; a place where we can collaborate for professional purposes – and keep up with news from Hilton College; a place to find or offer mentoring and employment opportunities. Imagine this platform has 2,600 members, among them 130 directors and 100 CEOs, and 70 percent of members willing to help others in the network.

Hilton Ties is such a platform. Driven by a belief in the power of community, networking, and mentorship, The Old Hiltonian Club launched www.hiltonties.com in September 2023.

Imagine what this digital networking platform can do for you.

Firstly, Hilton Ties enables **BUSINESS NETWORKING**. In today's competitive world, the ability to connect with fellow alumni, industry professionals, and potential collaborators is invaluable.

Hilton Ties makes it convenient for alumni like us to expand our professional networks, share insights, and explore new business ventures.

MENTORING is an integral part of personal and professional growth, and Hilton Ties offers a remarkable avenue for alumni to engage in mentorship opportunities. The platform allows experienced alumni to provide guidance, support, and mentorship to current students and recent graduates, helping them navigate the challenges of their chosen fields.

Hilton Ties also has the potential to improve the **RECRUITMENT** process for both graduates and employers. Alumni can benefit from access to a wealth of talent by offering internships, career advice, or employment opportunities to talented Old Hiltonians.

In addition to these core elements, Hilton Ties keeps our community informed about events, news, and achievements, ensuring that we stay connected and involved in the success of Hilton College.



Scan the QR Code

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