



3 October 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians

## TERM 3 NORTON HOUSE BULLETIN

Term 3 is always a whirlwind, full of activity, assessments and growth. It is often our most demanding term, and yet, we continue to be incredibly proud of so many of our boys. They are rising to the challenge, making the most of their time on campus, and showing real commitment to their development both inside and outside the classroom.

## GATE ACCESS

As we prepare for the end of the term, please take note of the following gate access guidelines:

**Lukin Road Gate** – This gate will be open at the beginning and end of each term.

**Dawson Road Gate** – For all other times during the term, this will be the main access point. Each family was issued an entrance disc as part of the information pack. Please ensure this is used for smooth access. A security guard is stationed at this gate during the day for added safety. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience, but these measures are in place to maintain a secure and safe environment for all our boys and staff.

## DISCIPLINE AND HOSTEL ENVIRONMENT

Regrettably, we have had to deal with some disciplinary issues this term. After a thorough and lengthy process, a few learners have been asked to leave the hostel. These decisions are never easy, but they are necessary to maintain the values and standards we hold dear.

We have implemented a new system for tracking and addressing disciplinary matters, and it is already proving to be more efficient and constructive. We continue to remind our boys of the importance of mutual respect, responsibility, and playing their part in building a space where everyone can thrive.

## TERM 4 HOSTEL FEES

A gentle reminder that hostel fees for Term 4 were due on 1 October. Thank you to those who have already settled their accounts. Your promptness is greatly appreciated. Before returning next term, each boy must collect a Hostel Pass from the Finance Office. Passes were available for collection in the final week of this term. If not yet collected, the Finance Office will be open on Sunday 12 October from 15h00 to 17h00 for this purpose.

## STAFF UPDATES

At the end of August, we said a heartfelt goodbye to Matron Slater, who has been a steady, caring presence in our hostel community. We are so grateful for her years of dedicated service. We are delighted to welcome Ms Caroline Stanford, who joined us in September as our new Matron for Catering. She has already brought wonderful energy and warmth to the role, and we look forward to the journey ahead with her.

It is with concern and compassion that we share news about Oscar Ntulani, who has been unwell due to complications with diabetes and has undergone a foot amputation. Several members of our hostel team visited her recently to offer love and support. Her duties are currently being handled by a temporary replacement while she focuses on recovery. We keep her in our thoughts during this difficult time.

## **HOSTEL PARENT COMMITTEE**

In our ongoing efforts to strengthen communication and collaboration between the hostel and families, we are looking to form a Hostel Parent Committee. The committee will be made up of one parent representative from each Grade, and will meet once per term. I believe this initiative will create a valuable platform for parents to share insights, offer suggestions, and work with us to further enhance the support and governance of our hostel. If you are interested in making yourself available to serve on this committee, please feel free to send me a message directly. Your involvement would be greatly appreciated, and your input will play a meaningful role in the continued growth of our hostel community. I look forward to partnering with you as we work together to ensure the best environment for our boys.

## **CONCLUSION**

This upcoming break is a short but much-needed one. Please encourage your son to use this time to rest, reset and recharge. Term 4 is just around the corner and brings with it final exams and important milestones. For those traveling far, may your journeys be safe and your time together be restful. We look forward to welcoming all our boys back with renewed energy and purpose for the final stretch of the year.

**Learners return: Sunday, 12 October 2025 between 14h00 – 17h00 (in school uniform - please adhere to these times).**

Yours faithfully



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## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>OCTOBER</b>	
<b>12 October</b>	HOSTEL – Learners return (14h00 – 17h00) IN SCHOOL UNIFORM
<b>13 October</b>	TERM 4 COMMENCES – WELCOME BACK Prefect's Tea PRIZE-GIVING - Calvary Christian Church (18h30)
<b>15 October</b>	FOUNDERS' DAY - Poppy Parade Selborne Primary Founders' Day FOUNDERS' DAY – Sounds of Selborne - Music Centre (18h30)
<b>16 October</b>	Selborne Primary Founders' Day FOUNDERS' DAY - OSA AGM FOUNDERS' DAY - Sounds of Selborne - Music Centre (18h30)
<b>17 October</b>	FOUNDERS' DAY - Ceremony of the Key (seated by 09h05) FOUNDERS' DAY - Sport (Old Selbornians vs Selbornians) FOUNDERS' DAY - Retreat Ceremony (seated by 17h05) FOUNDERS' DAY – Old Boys Hockey Match vs 1 <sup>st</sup> XI (18h00) OSA Steak Evening - Old Boys Club (Rugby Den - 18h30) WATER POLO - Peter Cuff Tournament (Hudson Park)
<b>18 October</b>	CRICKET - Queen's College (home and away) ROWING - Founders' Day Regatta WATER POLO - Peter Cuff Tournament (Hudson Park)
<b>19 October</b>	FOUNDERS' DAY - Thanks Giving Service (09h00) WATER POLO - Peter Cuff Tournament (Hudson Park)
<b>20 October</b>	VALEDICTORY – Grade 12 learners and Parents (seated by 07h45)
<b>21 October</b>	Grade 12 - NSC Final Examinations Commence
<b>23 October</b>	Grade 11 – Exam Commence (TBC)
<b>24 October</b>	SWIMMING - Buffalo City Aquatics High School Gala (Stirling Primary)
<b>25 October</b>	CRICKET - Hudson Park (home and away) ROWING - Settlers Sprint Regatta
<b>28 October</b>	English P3 (Grade 8 – 10)
<b>30 October</b>	Grade 10 – Exams Commence
<b>31 October</b>	OSA GOLF DAY - East London Golf Club
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	
<b>1 November</b>	CRICKET - St Andrew's (home and away)
<b>4 November</b>	STUDY DAY (Grade 8 & 9)
<b>5 November</b>	Grade 8 & 9 – Exams Commence
<b>21 November</b>	Last Exam (Grade 8 – 11) Quarterly Awards
<b>26 November</b>	Grade 12 – Last Exam
<b>28 November</b>	ROWING – Camp (The Cove - Nahoon Dam)
<b>29 November</b>	ROWING – Camp (The Cove - Nahoon Dam)
<b>DECEMBER</b>	
<b>5 December</b>	ROWING - Boat Race (Port Alfred)
<b>12 December</b>	Last Day – Staff