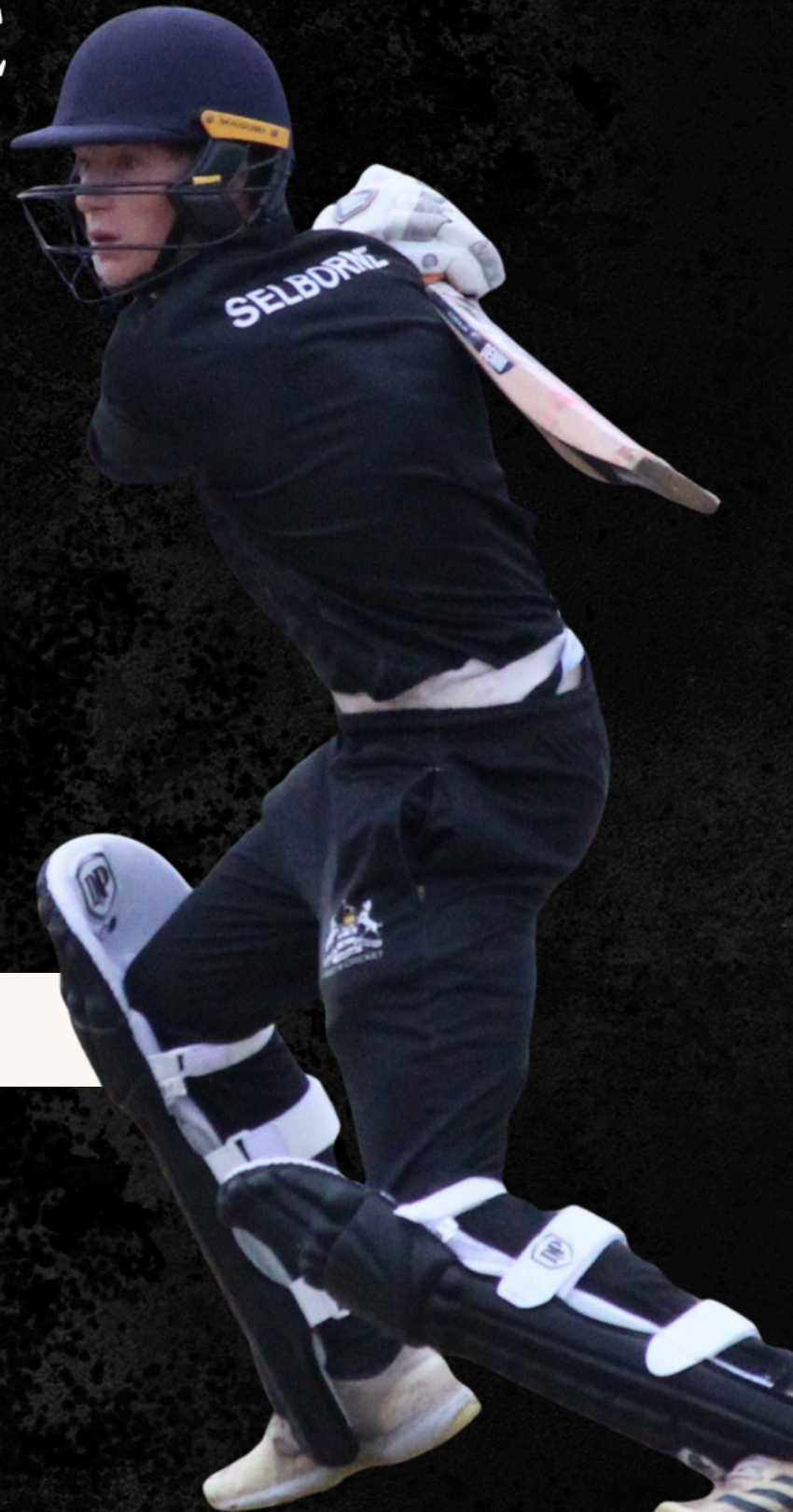




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CRICKET MORE THAN A SPORT

Cricket holds a longstanding and valued place at Selborne College. It forms part of the school's sporting tradition and its broader commitment to developing young men of character.

Through cricket, Selbornians learn patience, discipline, resilience and accountability. The nature of the game demands focus, composure and perseverance, whether batting for time, bowling into the wind or fielding through a long session in the sun. Competing in a strong Eastern Cape cricket environment, and against leading schools nationally, challenges boys to raise their standards.

Wearing the black and white connects current players to generations of Old Selbornians who have represented the school with distinction. Cricket strengthens school spirit, fosters brotherhood and opens pathways to provincial and national opportunities.

THE SELBORNE APPROACH

Cricket at Selborne is structured, progressive and purposeful. There is a clear pathway from junior sides through to the 1st XI, allowing boys to develop steadily in skill and understanding of the game.

The programme focuses on the complete cricketer. Technical refinement, tactical awareness, physical preparation and mental resilience are all prioritised. Training sessions are detailed and demanding, encouraging consistency, accountability and teamwork.

At its core, the Selborne approach reminds every player that he represents more than himself. Respect for opponents, humility in success and composure under pressure are expected standards. The aim is to produce not only capable cricketers, but balanced and responsible young men.





EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Selborne Cricket competes strongly within the region and against respected cricket schools across the country. Most recently the 1st Team has won the 2026 Switch Schools SA20 Eastern Cape Phase 2 Final and will now travel to Gauteng to compete at the National competition finals. The programme has produced numerous players who have progressed to provincial and national representation, reflecting the quality of coaching and preparation within the system.

Teams perform consistently in festivals, league fixtures and derby encounters, reinforcing Selborne's standing as a competitive and respected cricket school.

Yet the most significant outcomes are not measured only in trophies or statistics. The programme develops leadership, perseverance and collective responsibility. Boys leave the field with a deeper understanding of commitment, teamwork and pride in representing their school.

BEYOND THE PITCH

Much of cricket's influence is shaped in the quieter moments of the season. Long training sessions, selection challenges and extended days in competition build emotional maturity and resilience.

Selborne Cricket attends leading festivals and tours around the country, broadening exposure and strengthening competitive growth. These experiences deepen team cohesion and widen perspective.

Old Selbornians who have played at high levels regularly return to share their experience and invest in the next generation. Coaches continue to develop themselves through involvement in provincial and national tournaments, ensuring that players benefit from current best practice.

Ultimately, cricket at Selborne contributes to the formation of capable, grounded and disciplined young men who carry the school's values into every sphere of life.





THE SELBORNE MAN

At Selborne College, we are not merely preparing boys to pass examinations, win fixtures, or collect accolades. We are forming young men.

A Selborne man is:

- **Intellectually Disciplined**
He thinks carefully. He questions respectfully. He pursues understanding rather than surface familiarity. He is not afraid of rigour.
- **Morally Grounded**
He understands responsibility. He acts with integrity when no one is watching. He knows that character is revealed in pressure.
- **Courageous in Effort**
He does not withdraw from difficulty. Whether in the classroom, on the field, or on the stage, he learns to persist.
- **Articulate and Thoughtful**
He can express his ideas clearly. He listens as well as he speaks. He engages the world with curiosity rather than cynicism.
- **Committed to Brotherhood**
He understands that strength is built in community. He supports others. He leads by example.
- **Prepared for the Future**
He leaves Selborne adaptable, capable, and ready to contribute meaningfully to society. Every subject, every sport, every society exists to shape these qualities.

That is the Selborne standard.

