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MORE THAN A SPORT



Tennis at Selborne College is steeped in history. The first tennis court was built in 1906, with the first interschool's match taking place in 1917 against Dale College. Over the decades, the Tennis Club has competed in hundreds of fixtures against many local and national schools, attended many tournaments nationwide and even toured Zimbabwe. Several learners have also received their national honours after being chosen for South African Schools' Teams.

The Selborne College sporting programme is a busy one! While many learners participate in the team sports of rugby, hockey, cricket and water polo, tennis appeals to learners who enjoy taking on personal challenges on their own. While still forming part of a team, players compete individually, and have to train, develop and problem solve in order to improve their own game. Tennis teaches many softer skills that prove beneficial to all areas of life. Apart from the exercise benefits, tennis players are also inclined to be supportive, determined, independent, driven and well-balanced young men.

THE SELBORNE APPROACH

The Selborne College Tennis Club runs a busy annual programme. The first term sees the First Team participate in the Merrifield and Tjaart Vorster Tennis Tournaments, while also hosting the Selborne Clarendon Tennis Tournament. The Under 15 Buffalo City League also unfolds, as Grade 8 and 9 learners compete in matches against other schools. Leagues continue in the second term with the senior league and the third term with the mixed doubles league.

The school championships are held in the third term while the first team travels to the Marilie Moolman Tennis Tournament in Nxuba. In addition, the Tennis Club participates in derby matches against Grey High, Grey College and Pearson, while also competes in special fixtures arranged against Queens College and St Andrew's College.



The Tennis Club is fortunate to enjoy the coaching services of tennis coach Mr Grant Grotjohm. An Old Selbornian himself, Mr Grotjohm has years of experience in coaching top junior players and adds tremendous value to the tennis programme. Apart from our top squad, almost 80 other learners choose tennis as their sport, enjoying fun practices in the afternoons.





EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

The Tennis Club has enjoyed much success over the years. In recent years, the First Team has won both the Selborne Clarendon and Merrifield Tournaments, and have also placed well at the two tournaments in Nxuba.

Justin Cronje (Class of 2019) and Ryan Little (Class of 2016) both received Honours Awards for the selection to the South African Schools Under 18 Teams, while several other players have been chosen for Eastern Cape sides to compete in Interprovincial and Synergy Cup Tournaments.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM / FIELD / MEETING ROOM

Our top players are encouraged to participate in local Men's Leagues, many playing for the Old Boys Tennis or Beacon Bay Country Club sides. The match against the Old Boys Team on Founders' Day has also become a permanent entry on the tennis programme, with the Old Boys always keen to show the learners a thing or two. The matches are always competitive and played in a great spirit.

Tennis truly is a sport for life. Many of our players continue with the sport as they move to university and into life beyond. As one of the healthiest sports in the world, tennis promotes movement, agility, problem solving and social interaction. With a talented squad of young players, the Tennis Club looks forward to many successful years ahead.





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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.

