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MORE THAN A SCHOOL

Selborne College has a long-standing reputation for academic strength, proud tradition and the development of well-rounded young men.

We are a boys' school that believes in clear standards, meaningful opportunity and steady guidance. Our aim is not only to prepare boys for examinations, but to equip them for the responsibilities and challenges of adult life.

A Selborne education is built on structure, consistency and opportunity, within a community that values respect, effort and integrity.

“We offer boys an excellent, well-rounded, holistic educational experience that will equip them to become confident, effective and caring adults.”

THE SELBORNE APPROACH

Educating boys requires understanding how they grow and develop academically, socially, physically and emotionally. Research into boys' education consistently shows that boys benefit from:

- Clear expectations
- Structured environments
- Positive role models
- Healthy competition
- Purpose-driven engagement

As a single-sex school, Selborne is able to tailor its academic and co-curricular programmes to these developmental needs. Boys are encouraged to participate fully, to ask questions, take risks in their learning, lead, compete and contribute without hesitation.

We believe that a focused environment allows boys to develop confidence, independence and maturity at their own pace.





EXCELLENCE IN ACTION

Academic excellence remains central to Selborne College.

Our classrooms are purposeful and disciplined. Teachers are experienced and committed to maintaining high standards while supporting boys individually.

We offer a broad subject choice and encourage intellectual curiosity. Extension opportunities are available for high-achieving learners, while structured academic support ensures that no boy is left behind.

Our matric results reflect consistent effort and strong teaching. More importantly, our boys leave Selborne able to think critically, communicate clearly and approach challenges with confidence.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Life at Selborne extends beyond the classroom.

We believe that sport, culture and service play a vital role in the development of young men. Participation in co-curricular activities builds resilience, teamwork, leadership and time management.

Whether on the sports field, in a music rehearsal, at a debating competition or involved in community outreach, boys are encouraged to commit themselves fully.

This balance between academic and co-curricular life helps to shape well-rounded individuals.



LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER

Character development is woven into daily school life.

Boys are given responsibility from an early stage - in classrooms, on sports teams, within boarding houses and across societies. Leadership at Selborne is not limited to a badge or title; it is reflected in conduct, attitude and example.

We emphasise:

- Respect for others
- Personal accountability
- Integrity in decision-making
- Service to the school community

These values are reinforced consistently and form part of the culture of the school.



PASTORAL CARE AND COMMUNITY

Adolescence can be a demanding time. Boys require guidance, consistency and encouragement.

Selborne provides structured pastoral care, with staff who know their learners and are committed to their well-being. Open communication between school and home is encouraged, and parents are regarded as partners in the educational journey.

The strength of the Selborne community lies in its relationships - between staff and boys, between peers, and between families.



“Education is the key to a future and we want to equip our young men to reach their best potential.”



FACILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

The school campus provides an environment that supports both academic and co-curricular pursuits.



Modern classrooms, well-equipped laboratories, technology resources, music facilities and extensive sports grounds all contribute to a balanced and purposeful school day. Our facilities support learning and provide a an opportunity for a well-rounded learner experience. The strength of Selborne lies in its people and its culture.

STARTING IN GRADE 8

The transition to high school is an important milestone. Selborne provides a structured orientation process for Grade 8 learners, helping them adjust to academic expectations, school routines and new responsibilities. Senior learners and staff play an active role in guiding and mentoring younger boys as they settle into school life. Our goal is that every boy feels both challenged and supported from the beginning of his journey.





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THE SELBORNE MAN

A Selborne graduate leaves school:

- Academically prepared
- Self-disciplined
- Respectful and responsible
- Confident in his abilities
- Aware of his responsibilities to others

He understands that success is earned through effort and leadership is expressed through service.



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JOINING THE SELBORNIAN FAMILY



Families who value structure, opportunity, strong teaching and a culture of accountability are encouraged to consider Selborne College.

Further information regarding admissions, application timelines and any other information can be found on our website, the prospectus or by contacting the school directly.

We look forward to welcoming you to Selborne College.





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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.

