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In 2004, The Bearer of the Palm Award was instituted at Selborne to acknowledge outstanding achievements of Old Selbornians who have excelled nationally and internationally. To date the following Old Selbornians have been honoured:



Toys Norton, Norman Addleson, Mark Andrews, John Wright, Andre Vos, Prof. John Odell, William Page Godfrey, Deon Opperman



Allan Gray, Jonty Skinner, Willie Pieterse, Dr. Philip Weber, Anthony (Tony) Grogan, Mark Boucher, Deon Nel



Philipp Gutsch, Rowan Gormley, Wayne Taylor, Trevor Webster, Michael Francis, Saul Teukolsky, Lindsay Weyer, Frank Raubenbach

- 2004 TOYS NORTON** Holder of a VC - the highest award for gallantry in the British Commonwealth.
- 2006 JUSTICE NORMAL ADDLESON** Justice of the Supreme Court and at the time of the appointment, the youngest person to hold such office in South Africa.
MARK ANDREWS At the time of his award, the most capped Springbok forward.
- 2007 JOHN WRIGHT** Top International Hockey Umpire
ANDRÉ VOS Springbok rugby captain 1998.
PROF JOHN ODELL Renowned Cardiovascular/Thoracic surgeon at the Mayo Clinic, USA.
- 2008 WILLIAM PAGE GODFREY** (Extreme Endurance) Bill and his partner were winners of the Woodvale Atlantic Rowing race from San Sebastian, La Gomera, Canary Islands to Critique in the Caribbean (2500 nautical miles).
DEON LOUIS OPPERMAN (The Performing arts) Deon had received acclaim as a playwright, screenwriter, actor, producer and director.
- 2011 ALLAN W.B. GRAY** Asset Management Entrepreneur and Educational Philanthropist, Gray Investments.
JONTY SKINNER Swimming World Record Holder and Olympic Swimming Coach.

- 2012 PROFESSOR WILLIE PIETERSEN** International Business Leadership, Columbia University USA.
- 2013 DR PHILIP A WEBER** Newspaper Magnate.
ANTHONY M (TONY) GROGAN Cartoonist, Artist and Social Commentator.
- 2014 MARK BOUCHER** Sport, International Cricket.
- 2016 DEON NEL** Sport, International Hockey Umpire.
- 2017 PHILIPP GUTSHE** Entrepreneur and Civic Philanthropist.
- 2019 ROWAN GORMLEY** Business Entrepreneur and Educational Philanthropist.
- 2022 WAYNE TAYLOR** International Motorsport.
TREVOR WEBSTER Historian and Author.
MICHAEL FRANCIS Chartered Accountant and Software Developer.
SAUL TEUKOLSKY Theoretical Astrophysicist.
- 2025 LINDSAY WEYER** Sport, Double Rugby World Cup Medalist - Analyst.
LEON FRANCOIS (FRANK) RAUTENBACH (The performing arts) Actor and Producer.



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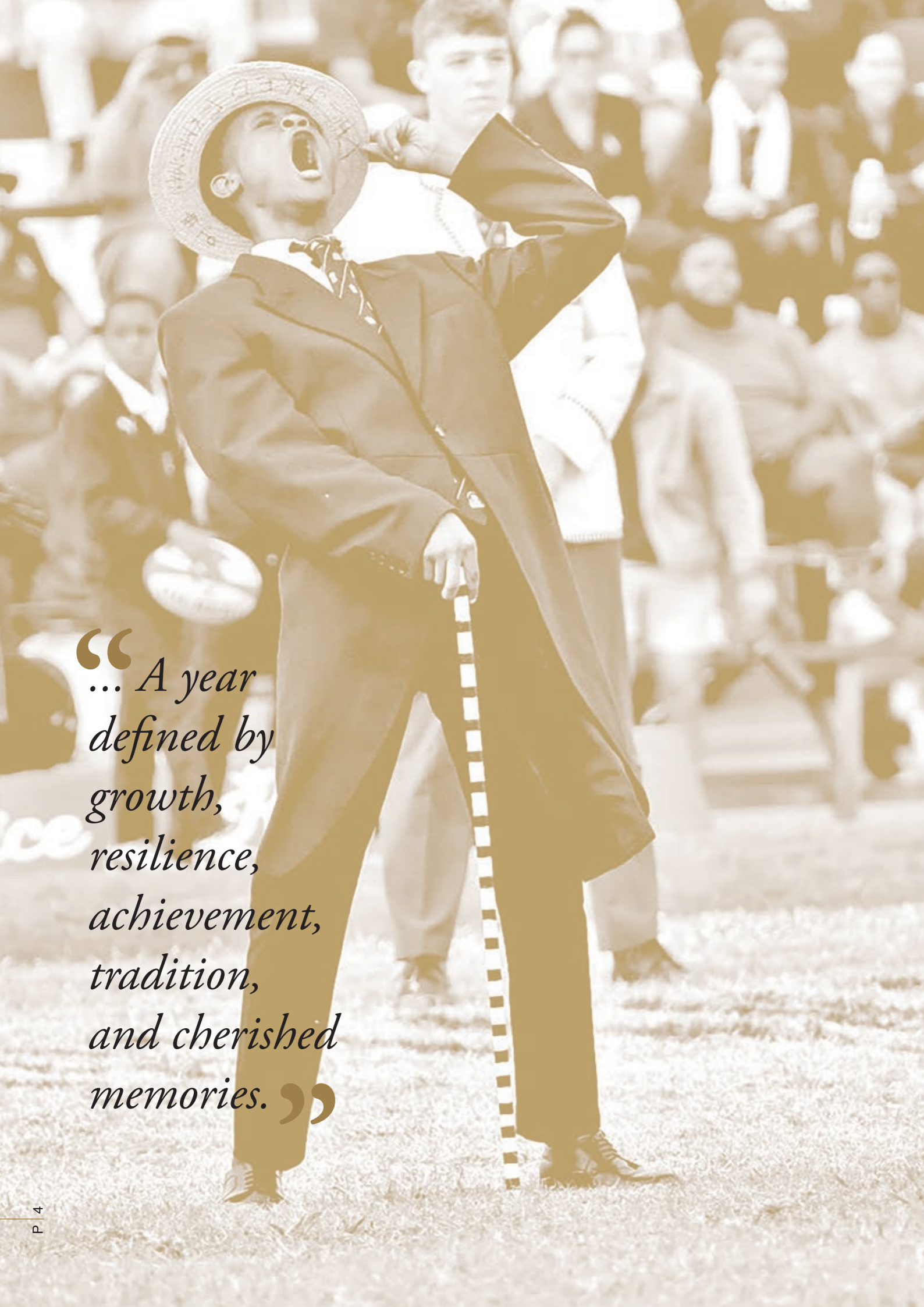
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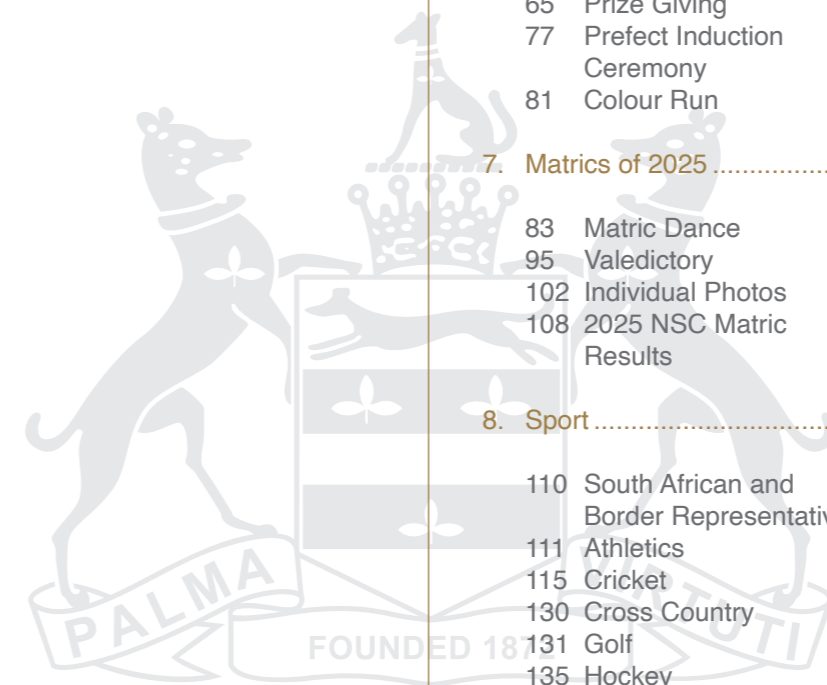
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From the EDITOR

Mrs B Weimann



School is the place where lifelong friendships begin, valuable lessons are learned, and lasting memories are created. Ultimately, it is the laughter, the sports matches, the concerts, and all the small moments that make the school experience truly unforgettable.

Welcome to the 2025 edition of *The Selbornian*.

This magazine captures the heartbeat of our school — a year defined by growth, resilience, achievement, tradition, and cherished memories. Within these pages, you will discover stories, reflections and milestones that celebrate the spirit of our learners, staff, and community, all of whom continue to carry the black and white flag with pride.

As a school, we continue to grow, adapt, and embrace the challenges and opportunities that come our way. Whether in the classroom, on the sports field, on stage, or through service to others, our learners and staff remain dedicated to upholding the values that make Selborne College truly exceptional.

Passion has been at the centre of everything we do. From academic accomplishments to cultural and sporting triumphs, our learners have devoted themselves wholeheartedly to pursuing excellence and embodying the spirit of commitment. Their determination inspires us all, reminding us that true success is not only reflected in results, but also in the dedication, courage, and joy with which every challenge is embraced.

This year has been shaped by our ongoing commitment to remaining relevant as a school within a rapidly changing world. As we work toward defining what it means to be a modern

educational community, we are guided by the values of inclusivity, adaptability, and meaningful connection. By engaging with the voices of our learners, families, alumni, and staff, we ensure that our school continues to evolve—responsive to the present and prepared for the future. In doing so, we strengthen our role not just as a place of learning, but as a dynamic and relevant part of the broader community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all staff members for their invaluable contributions to this publication. A special word of appreciation goes to our proofreaders, Mr Justin Sparg, Mrs Angela Theron, Mrs Heidi Breetzke and Ms Anneri Stander, for their professionalism and attention to detail.

A special word of gratitude goes to the Photographic Society and to the many parents who generously give of their time behind the lens — in particular, Mrs Shani Stewart, whose consistent presence and dedication to capturing our events is deeply appreciated. This year, we also carry in our hearts the memory of Mr Alan Parsons. His passing has left a profound void in our department. We miss him dearly and remain deeply grateful for the helping hand he so willingly and selflessly offered to our work.

To those who guide and support me in the journey of capturing and compiling a year’s worth of memories — Mr and Mrs Dewar — thank you for your wisdom, encouragement, and unwavering support.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition as much as we enjoyed putting it together. Each year, we dig a little deeper, and each year, our learners continue to shine —making it both a privilege and a joy to celebrate the holistic growth of our boys.

Mr and Mrs Dewar

“... The true test of any school lies in the character, the courage and the calibre of the young people it produces.”





From the HEADMASTER

Mr Andrew Dewar



At our 2024 Prize Giving, we explored the question: What defines a modern school? We reflected on the ways in which education is evolving - from the integration of technology to the broadening of values, the expansion of global perspectives, and our deepening understanding of what it means to prepare young people for a changing world.

This year, we move that conversation forward to - What defines a modern learner? While buildings can be redesigned and curricula rewritten, the true test of any school lies in the character, the courage and the calibre of the young people it produces. So what defines a modern Selbornian?

NO. 1 - CURIOSITY

In a world where knowledge is just a click away, the value lies not in memorising facts, but in asking better questions - in seeking to understand before seeking to be understood.

NO. 2 - CHARACTER

A modern learner is not just intelligent, but ethical. Not just capable, but compassionate. In a time of uncertainty, a modern learner becomes a stabiliser - someone who does what is right, even when it is not easy.

NO. 3 - RESILIENCE

These past years have shown us how quickly the world can change - and how crucial it is to be adaptable, grounded, and focused under pressure. The modern learner learns to fail forward, to stand up after a fall, and to hold onto purpose even when navigating difficulty.

NO. 4 - LEADERSHIP

A leader is not the loudest voice in the room, but the one who listens with intent, speaks with

integrity, and leads by example. At Selborne, we do not only cultivate learners or sportsmen - we shape young men of substance, who will go into the world with the confidence to lead and the humility to serve.

And finally

NO. 5 - CONNECTION

The modern learner does not exist in isolation. He builds bridges, he understands the value of diversity, and he finds strength in community. Whether on the rugby field, in the classroom, or through acts of service, he learns that we rise by lifting others.

As we celebrate achievement, we must also honour growth - in every boy who worked harder this year than the last; who showed kindness without being asked; who stood up when it mattered. Because those are the unseen victories that truly define a Selbornian.

It has been a true honour to once again be part of such a remarkable school community and to witness the many events and milestones of the past year. Together, we have celebrated numerous achievements, while also navigating challenges and moments of adversity. It is an absolute privilege to share some of the highlights with you.

The Matric Class of 2024 achieved a 98% pass rate, with 85% of the class registering a Bachelor's Pass. No fewer than 10 out of 17 Subjects achieved a 100% pass rate. 15 Learners achieved the Honours Standard Pass of 4 or more Distinctions.

Kamva Didiza, Unakho Filita, Matt Hartslief, Thomas Marais, Okuhle Mlonyeni, Azizipho Mnqeta, Imee Odugmu and Jordan Van Den Bosch all achieved 4 Distinctions.

5 Distinctions were achieved by Khaka Boo and Kellan Chettiar.

6 Distinctions were achieved by Chigozie Ifenatuora, Nischit Khattry Chhetri and Adam Rogers.

Congratulations to Daniel Breetzke who finished with a superb 7 Distinctions.

In addition to the achievements of our learners, our dedicated Educators received Special Recognition Awards for Outstanding Achievement in the 2024 NSC Examinations.

No fewer than 48 Academic Awards were received by our Selborne Educators at the District Awards hosted by the BCM Department of Education.

After the recent Preliminary Examinations in Term 3, it is clear that the Grade 12 Class of 2025 still have important work ahead of them as they prepare for the final examinations. We recognise their potential and encourage them to remain focused, using the remaining time this year wisely to prioritise their upcoming NSC Examinations.

During the course of the year a large number of learners involved themselves in the Advanced Mathematics Programme. A special mention must be made of Ali Ghazi who constantly achieves over 80%, while Corne Strydom achieved 99% in his recent examination.

65 Mathematicians took part in the First round of the SA Mathematics Foundation Maths Olympiad. 20 Senior and 4 Junior Selbornians progressed through to the 2nd Round.

In the 1st Round of the Proverto Accounting Olympiad, 17 Grade 11 and 12 Accountants participated. 6 Learners qualified

for the 2nd round, with Hlumbi Nqambi (Gr 11) and Zach Paxton (Gr12) each achieving distinctions.

Mercedes-Benz recently hosted their annual Coding Programme, where learners were challenged to explore and apply their skills in coding, robotics, and advancements in artificial intelligence. Congratulations to Taigo Do Rego and his group, who were adjudicated the winners of the Robotics Challenge for the best AI innovation - an outstanding achievement.

This year has presented its fair share of challenges, particularly on social media, which can so easily derail any institution. However, it has become clear to me that without the presence of truly remarkable individuals and strong leadership among both staff and learners, the outcome could have been very different.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Prefect Body of 2025 and the Matric Class of 2025 for being at the forefront of this stability.

Head Prefect and Custodian, Liam Hansen, has led through his quiet and composed leadership style, with strength and by example. He has approached every challenge with unwavering commitment, inspiring his peers to do the same.

Together, the Prefects and the entire Matric group, are the epitome of Palma Virtuti - reward is to the brave. This class has endured much, celebrated much, and consistently displayed what it means to be a true Selbornian: courageous and brave.

Congratulations to Aaron James on his election as Custodian and Head Prefect for 2026. Aaron is a young man of fine temperament,

and his leadership qualities, together with his maturity, have been clearly recognised by his peers. We are confident that Aaron will uphold the values and traditions of Selborne College and be a true ambassador to both the school and his family.

One of the most valuable assets of any institution is their staff. Without a team of high-calibre educators and administrative staff, a school grounded in moral integrity, core values, and a culture of support, care, and collegiality would simply not be possible.

At Selborne College, we take great pride in our dedicated staff - a team of highly skilled, well-qualified individuals who consistently go above and beyond in their roles, demonstrating exceptional professionalism and commitment.

Looking ahead, the recruitment and retention of outstanding educators, along with their active involvement in extra or co-curricular programmes, remains a key feature of our Strategic Objectives for the next five years.

To honour these objectives a number of new appointments were made this year.

Mr Jano Boshoff joined the English and Social Science Departments as a first year Educator. He also brought with him additional skills in the Rugby and Athletics Clubs.

Ms Anneri Stander joined the English Department in Term 2 of this year, bringing with her a wealth of experience. We are delighted to welcome her to the team and look forward to the valuable contribution she will continue to make.



Recently, we welcomed Mr Jarod Kriel to our History Department. As an Old Selbornian, he comes with a wealth of experience, having been a Subject Head at his previous school. Mr Kriel is also an avid Cricket Coach and a Rugby enthusiast.

Norton House welcomed Mrs Janine Geldenhuys as a Hostel Matron to our Team at the start of Term 2. Mrs Geldenhuys is responsible for all House Keeping, Laundry and Hostel Maintenance. Her energy, enthusiasm and attention to detail is greatly appreciated.

Recently, we welcomed Ms Caroline Stanford to Norton House. Ms Stanford has been appointed as the Catering Matron. She brings with her expertise as a Fine Dining Chef and much experience in the catering world.

Ms Nwabisa Cebani was appointed as a General Worker at Norton House and has embraced this opportunity from day one.

Selborne College offers a Learnership Programme aimed at attracting promising future educators to the teaching profession. This initiative allows students to pursue their education qualifications while simultaneously gaining valuable, hands-on experience in both the classroom and staffroom.

This year, Mr Dante Deere joined the programme as he works towards becoming an Afrikaans Educator. He has enthusiastically immersed himself in the co-curricular life of the school, particularly in Rugby and Athletics, where his passion and commitment have been clearly evident.

While we are always excited to welcome talented individuals to our team, sadly, we also have



to bid farewell to valued staff members as they move on to new opportunities

At the start of the year, we said goodbye to Ms Suzanne Harris, who transferred to Nico Malan High School. Ms Harris served Selborne College with distinction from 2011, contributing significantly to both the Music and Mathematics Departments. Although Ms Harris enjoyed coaching hockey, she had a passion for Athletics and, as the MIC of Athletics, ran the club superbly well and inspired numerous Selbornians to extend themselves and reach their goals. Her dedication and professionalism left a lasting impact and we wish her continued success in her new role at Nico Malan High School.

At the end of Term 1, Mr Darryl Ochse made the decision to emigrate to New Zealand, concluding 14 years of dedicated service as a History and Social Sciences Educator at Selborne College. Throughout his time here, he contributed not only academically, but also as a coach for Cricket, Athletics and, more recently, as the MIC of Cross Country. Mr Ochse had

professional military training in the British Army, prior to his return to South Africa, equipping him with unique expertise that he brought to his role as OC of Cadets. He was instrumental in upholding the traditions of Founders' Day, ensuring that all Selbornians on parade, especially those in A Company, demonstrated exceptional precision, timing and pride.

Mrs Anita Slater retired as the Catering Matron at Norton House in Term 3. We are extremely grateful for her dedicated service to Norton House and the love and care she provided to the staff and hostelites.

Mr Neill Erasmus took up a position as Principal at Crewe Primary School, which he richly deserved, during the second term of this year - a significant milestone in a career marked by dedication, integrity, and quiet strength. Over his 17 years at Selborne College, Mr Erasmus held numerous roles, each with distinction. He led the Afrikaans Department with pride, managed the Head of Assessments portfolio with clarity and calm, and was appointed Deputy Headmaster in 2022 - a role in which he provided

steady and thoughtful leadership. His contributions extended well beyond academics: he coached several cricket and rugby teams with passion and success, most notably the Raiders in 2022.

Mr Erasmus was a respected colleague, a mentor to many, and a role model for the values we hold dear at Selborne. In recognition of his loyal and selfless service, he was awarded a Palma Virtuti Award - a fitting tribute to a man who gave so much to the school community.

He leaves behind not just a professional legacy, but also warm relationships and lasting memories. We thank him sincerely and wish him every success and happiness as he embraces this exciting new chapter.

During the course of the year, we were fortunate to benefit from the invaluable services of Mrs Dee Brill in the History Department. Bringing with her a wealth of experience, Mrs Brill provided much-needed support at the time of Mr Ochse emigrating and ahead of Mr Kriel's arrival. Her contribution was both timely and greatly appreciated.

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Mrs Charlotte Gumunyu joined the Selborne Staff as a Geography Educator at the start of 2025. Mrs Gumunyu has embraced Selborne College and is adding value in the Geography Department.

In May, we welcomed Mr Wilbert Gumunyu to the Science

Department. Mr Gumunyu brings a strong academic background and a wealth of experience to our Physical Science Department. His expertise is already having a positive impact, and we are confident he will continue to add great value to our academic offering.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr Brian Ashmead, who has generously assisted on an ad hoc basis in both the Science Department and in the co-curricular activities of Chess and Swimming. His willingness to contribute wherever needed has been greatly appreciated.

At the end of this year we will be saying farewell to the following educators:

Mr Taine Warren started his learnership at Selborne College in January 2020 and served the Technology and Geography departments with distinction. He made invaluable contributions to the Water Polo and Rugby Clubs and, most recently, to the Interact Club. He never shied away from taking responsibility in all areas of interest. Mr Warren will be emigrating to Australia and we wish him much success for his future.

Mr Blundell has decided to pursue a career in Agriculture as

teaching career at a school in Gauteng at the start of next year. He has been an outstanding Life Sciences Educator and has served with distinction as Head of Natural Sciences. Beyond the classroom, Mr Ferreira has made a meaningful contribution to the sporting life of the school - particularly in Water Polo and Hockey - bringing enthusiasm, energy, and a deep commitment to both codes. His involvement extended to supporting teams at various sports festivals, where his dedication was always evident. As a master at Norton House, he has had the privilege of positively impacting the lives of many hostel boys over the years, offering guidance, support, and care. We thank Mr Ferreira for his service to Selborne College and wish him continued success in this next chapter of his career.

Mr Allderman rejoined the Selborne College staff in January 2021 after a short break and has since made a meaningful impact both in and out of the classroom. As a valued member

On the rugby field, the U16A team benefitted greatly from his calm demeanour, strategic insight, and technical expertise - qualities that have ensured the team's continued success over the years.

We are sincerely grateful for Mr Allderman's dedicated service to Selborne College and wish him every success in his new teaching position in Natal next year. He leaves with our appreciation and very best wishes.

Each year, we offer our support to universities by assisting with the practical training of their student teachers. This year, we were pleased to welcome Bonoyolo Bukula (Geography & Business Studies), Stephanie Lennox (Life Orientation), Aphelele Bonela (Geography), and Chane Grobbelaar (CAT & Technology). We extend our best wishes to each of them for continued success in their studies and future careers in education.

Selborne College is an exceptionally busy and vibrant campus, and we are blessed to enjoy the unwavering support of our parent community.

The Governing Body continues to play a vital and active role in the life of Selborne College. Under the capable leadership of Mr Angus Pringle, who chairs the body with efficiency and insight, the team has worked tirelessly to support the school's vision and operations. Mrs Angela Kretzmann has provided careful oversight of the Finance Committee, ensuring the school's finances are managed with prudence and accountability.

The Governing Body governs with diligence, passion, and a clear sense of direction. A key focus this year has been the implementation of the Strategic Plan for the period 2024 to 2030.

Mrs Sandra Emslie has been instrumental in driving this process forward, helping to shape and refine the Strategic Pillars that reinforce the long-term growth and strength of the College.

These Strategic Pillars include: Academic Excellence, Sport, Human Resources, Financial Sustainability, Infrastructure and Facilities, Stakeholder Engagement, Developing the Potential of each Selbornian, and Leadership. These pillars have been thoughtfully developed to enhance the overall excellence and sustainability of our school. To all our parent Governors, we offer our sincere thanks for the invaluable guidance, time, and selfless dedication you continue to give in service of Selborne College.

Recent projects and maintenance have included the construction of 3 portable grandstands, the repairs to a leak in the inlet and outlet pipes of the swimming pool, approval to replace the laundry equipment and the boiler for the geysers at Norton House. In addition, the painting of classrooms and the buildings is ongoing.

Our Mother's Association has fostered a remarkable spirit of service and camaraderie over the past few years. Under the dedicated leadership of Mrs Sheree Woodin, the association has received tremendous support from the mothers of our school community. Their tireless work in the Tuckshop, Sports Kiosks, and numerous school events throughout the year has been invaluable.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Mr Gary Honibal and the Father's Supporters Club, who have consistently supported the efforts of the Mother's

Association. One of their key roles has been running the Whippet during school functions and after derby matches. Unfortunately, this activity has been impacted by a directive from the HOD of the Eastern Cape Department of Education, which prohibits the sale, serving, or consumption of alcohol on school premises.

This restriction has placed financial strain on many schools, as events such as fundraisers, annual reunions with Old Boys, and other stakeholder gatherings have traditionally relied on this revenue stream to supplement school budgets.

Despite these challenges, we remain deeply grateful to our dedicated mothers and fathers for their unwavering support of our

effective management of fixed assets.

One of the most exciting projects currently underway is the development of a state-of-the-art High Performance Centre. This visionary project includes an 894 m² indoor facility featuring a double-storey gym, modern ablution facilities, sports science and rehabilitation consulting rooms, as well as a team analysis venue. The project will also involve a comprehensive upgrade of the existing Fitness Centre and all the equipment.

Recently, a Sports Committee was established as an initiative of the Foundation Trust, marking a significant step forward in strengthening the development of Selborne College's sporting

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great school. Your commitment continues to make a lasting difference in the life of Selborne College.

In today's educational realm, every school relies on the crucial support provided by its fundraising arm of the school. At Selborne College, this responsibility is carried out by the Whippet Trust and the Selborne Foundation Trust, both under the capable chairmanship of Mr Andy Reeves.

These bodies carry the significant task of securing sponsorships for our sports clubs, while also ensuring long-term financial sustainability through strategic investment decisions and

codes. As part of this initiative, a new structure has been introduced, as a pilot programme, within the Rugby Club to further support and sustain its growth and success.

We are deeply grateful to the Whippet and Foundation Trusts for their forward-thinking leadership, their unwavering dedication and service to our school, as well as to the many benefactors whose generous support and continued investment in the future of Selborne College, has made a meaningful impact over the past year.

The Old Selbornian Association faced a profound loss this year with the sudden passing of their

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of next year. Mr Blundell joined the staff in January 2022 and immersed himself into the Music and Creative Arts Departments. He was instrumental in the success of the Band and always willing to assist with the sound requirements for any occasion. Mr Blundell was also part of the Squash Club as a coach. We wish him much success in his new career.

Mr Ferreira will be furthering his

of the English Department, he has excelled in his role and also served as the coordinator of our exchange programme with Wrekin College in the United Kingdom.

It is in the sporting arena, however, where Mr Allderman's talents have truly shone. As coach of the U14A Water Polo team, he instilled a strong sense of passion and discipline in his players, laying a solid foundation for their development in the sport.

Executive Director, Mr Alan Parsons (Class of 1980). Mr Parsons had been a dedicated and active member of the OSA since before 2000. His deep institutional knowledge and unwavering commitment to connecting Old Boys with their Alma Mater were truly remarkable. His absence is deeply felt by all who knew and worked alongside him.

Mr Keveshan Chetty, the current President, together with the Executive and Sub Branches across South Africa and around the world continue to nurture the strong camaraderie among Old Boys. One meaningful way to strengthen this bond is through brand pride - and we warmly encourage those who are able to show their support by purchasing the Old School Rugby Jersey and other supporters' gear, which are now available.

Selborne College provides an active and vibrant Cultural Programme. The isiXhosa Society annually hosts an evening of Cultural Celebration and under the keen and passionate leadership of the President, Angenathi Myeki, and his Committee they raised R30 000. These proceeds were donated to Zanono Children's Home.

The Student Christian Association (SCA) has been an active and heartfelt presence within our school community, consistently demonstrating their love for the Lord through both word and action. One of the highlights of their year was the hosting of an evening of Praise and Worship in the Music Centre.

The event was well attended by Selbornians, staff, and friends of the broader community, creating a powerful atmosphere of unity, faith, and fellowship. It served as a reminder of the strength

that comes from shared belief and the important role spiritual life plays in the development of our young men.

The Interact Club, under the leadership of President Leville Zulu and his 2025 team, has been actively engaged in serving our community throughout the year. Their initiatives have included the popular Love Lunch Boxes project every Thursday - which has grown into a spirited class competition - as well as the Copper Drive, Jersey Week, and numerous other community-focused efforts. We extend our best wishes to the newly elected President, Rael Govind, and his committee for continued success in 2026.

Our sincere thanks to our families who have supported these worthy projects. The compassion, kindness and generosity to assist those in need has been heart-warming.

The Chess Club has experienced an unpredictable season, however, a number of players have performed well this year.



A number of our Selbornians participated in the National Tournament hosted by Grey College in Bloemfontein. Tyler Botha and Samuel Chang have been included in the Eastern Cape Chess Team to attend the South African U16 Junior Closed Championships.

The Senior Debating Team participated in the EC Championships and finished fifth overall. Sihle Addam, as the 2nd Speaker, was outstanding throughout the Championships and was awarded the accolade of Best Senior 2nd Speaker overall. He was also included in the Senior Eastern Cape Team, as the Captain, and Alvin Sajan was

selected for the Junior EC Team to attend Nationals at the end of the year.

This year has been exceptionally busy but highly successful for the Drama Club. Clarendon High School showcased Beauty and the Beast at the Guild Theatre and a number of our young men held leading roles and added tremendously to the success of the show. Liyabukwa Zondi (in the Chorus), Hephzibah Qutywa (as The Beast), Mlevi Mbula (as Gaston) and Aluve Melane (as Lumière) were outstanding in their respective roles.

Four plays were presented at this year's ATKV Tienertoneel in Gqebera. The following plays were showcased: As die Wewer Ophou Dans; lets het Onder die Wilgerboom Gebeur; Die Stoele; and Jesaja.

Each of the productions was a resounding success and was awarded numerous accolades. The learner-only production of Jesaja, written by Ronald Theron and directed by himself and Abdul-Qadir Marais, was selected to attend the ATKV Nationals.

A number of students entered into the National Proscenium Drama Competition this year. Ronald Theron, after his outstanding performances, won the competition, which afforded him the opportunity to cast in Professional Productions. Congratulations, Ronald.

The Military Band and the Musicians participated in the Eisteddfod. The Music Department did themselves very proud by walking away with 3 Bronze, 6 Silver and 13 Gold Awards. To add to this, Corné Strydom received the Medal for being the Best Senior Instrumentalist on the set of Drums. The Band was



“... We extend our sincere thanks to the broader community for their enthusiastic support ...”

simply outstanding, winning the Medal for being the Best Band / Orchestra.

The Drama Department also took part in the ELFEST. 6 Triple Gold Awards were received (95% overall).

Ronald Theron received Trophies for the Best Senior Afrikaans Monologue, the Best Individual Poetry in Grade 12, and for Best Senior Shakespeare Sonnet.

In the Art Section of the ELFEST, numerous awards were achieved for Visual Art. Gold Awards in Grade 8 went to Somelo Kwelani, in Grade 9 to Joshua Gangerdine and Seth Willard, and in Grade 11 to Jordan Sephton and Sabelo Vuso. Thokaza Madala in Grade

12 received one Gold Award, while Mbongeni Wolela received 2. Luke Hartwanger received the only Double Gold Award.

Cultural Week took a very different format this year as we decided to have different occasions at different times. Congratulations to all who were involved, particularly to Mr Paxton and his team of organisers.

The Guitar evening was well supported in the Music Centre by Learners, Old Boys and Staff alike. Thanks to Mr Grattan Van Heerden for organising an enjoyable evening. Congratulations once again to the staff who won the hotly contested Quiz against the learners.



The Street Art is always a hit and was won this year by Perry House. The Interhouse Plays were written and directed by the learners. This year the winning production was from Perry House. Their production of Isaiah was produced and directed by Ronald Theron.

The Music Evening showcased our musicians and gave them the opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Thanks to the Grade 8 learners who were in attendance and who added to the atmosphere so maturely.

Thanks must be extended to the Grade 11 Matric Dance Committee, under the leadership of Aaron James, for organising a memorable evening for the Grade 12 Learners. Special thanks to Ms Kiara Odhav and her team on a successful occasion.

One of the major fundraising events of the year was the vibrant and successful Colour Run, organised by Mrs Salomi Botha in collaboration with the PR Office and the staff of the Hockey Club. The event brought energy and excitement to our campus and was a wonderful example of school spirit in action. We extend our sincere thanks to the broader community for their enthusiastic support and participation. A special word of appreciation goes to our generous sponsors, and to Mr Gordon Graham, who brought his usual charisma and energy as the MC on the day.

On the sporting side, Selborne College has much to be proud of. It has been an extremely busy year and successful in many ways.

The Tennis Club hosted the Selborne Clarendon Tournament and finished 4th overall. They participated in the Merrifield Tournament and placed 3rd

overall and, later in the year, travelled to Cradock to participate in the Tjaart Vorster Tournament, finishing 7th out of 16 Teams.

In the Summer Series of the Surfing Calendar, Joshua Crawford placed 1st in the U14 section, while Jedd Marx placed 2nd in the U18 section. Both Jedd and Joshua were selected for the Buffalo City Surfing Team to participate at the SA Championships.

The U14 Waterpolo Team finished in 4th place at the Jason Murray Tournament and received the Award for Sportsmanship and Fellowship, as well as winning the Fairplay Award as a Team.

The U15 Team has had a good year having finished 3rd in the Grey High Tournament and winning the Sterrenberg Tournament this past holiday. At the Oakhill Chukka Festival, the 3rd Team won 5 out of their 6 matches and Reid de Coning was announced as the Most Valuable Player.

At the Pearson National 2nd Team Tournament we placed 2nd overall. Campbell Dickinson was announced as the Attacker of the Tournament and Mr Ferreira as

Coach of the Tournament.

The First Team finished third at the Vides Tournament with Liam Hansen, Connor Mare, Thomas Caswell and Samuel Van De Venter being included into the Tournament Team. Samuel also received the accolade of Best Defender. Much appreciation must be extended to Mr Storm Siebert, Mrs Katey Du Toit and their team of staff together with the supportive parents in the successful organising and running of the Tournaments we host. The extra time beyond the call of duty is appreciated.

Much excitement has been created in the Rowing Club this year as they have relocated to The Cove. The coaches and oarsmen have thoroughly enjoyed this move and it has shown dividends in their performances. The U14's attended the ZRC Regatta in Gqeberha. The Octuple and the U14B Quad both finished in 2nd place.

At the ECRA Regatta, Cole Everts placed 1st in the U19 Skulls. The 1st Quad, 2nd Eight and the Double Skull all placed first. The U16 pair and the U14 Octuple placed first in their events. At the local Buffalo / Selborne



Regattas a number of crews excelled. In the Buffalo Regatta the 1st Double Skull finished 2nd while the 2nd Eight and 2nd Coxed Four placed 3rd. The 1st Eight, 1st Coxless 4 and the U15 Octuple reached the finals and ended in 7th, 6th and 6th place respectively.

The 1st Quad, 2nd Eight and the U15 Octuple made it through to the finals of the Selborne Regatta.

The SA Championships also proved to be successful this year. The 1st Quad and the 2nd Eight won through to the finals and placed 8th and 6th overall respectively.

The Athletics Club have had a very successful year. At the East London City Schools East Event a large number of our athletes achieved podium finishes. Jude Vickers achieved two 1sts in the 100m and 200m events, while Luvo Xokiyana achieved three 1st places in Long, Triple Jump and High Jump. Moving onto the BCM Athletics Champs, Thando Booi and Siyavuya Msweli achieved 1st place in the U14 800m and 400m respectively. Jonathan Cronje won the U17 High Jump

event. Eleven athletes were selected for the BCM Team to participate at EC Championships. Jonathan Cronje won the U17 High Jump event. Luvo Xokiyana won both the U19 High Jump and Triple Jump events.

The Cricket Club have continued to dominate the Border region in the local leagues, having won the Algie Cup and the regional leg of the CSA T20 tournament before they were knocked out in the quarterfinals. Numerous players reached the milestone of scoring a century or taking 5 wicket hauls or a hat trick.

The highlights are as follows: Daniel Tarr scored a scintillating 150 runs off 66 balls in an U15A match against Stirling High as well as 134 versus Hudson Park.

Jesse Van Bronkhorst scored 139 not out versus St Andrews under 14A and 140 versus Jeppe High U14A at the Charl Van Rooyen Cricket Festival this past holiday. Jared Anderson scored 101 not out versus St Andrews under 14s. Bilal Hassan scored 107 versus Hudson park under 15A. Aaron Senekal scored 103 not out and 100 not out versus Central Hub

and Queen's College respectively. Josh Wilkie scored 107 versus Dale College and 101 versus Cambridge. Michael Hess took a hat-trick versus Jumba High, as did Mark Rybnikar versus East London Sound School. Titus Sweetnam took a hat-trick versus Grey High School.

In the Squash Club, Selborne College continues to build on its reputation as one of the most successful squash schools in South Africa. The team remained unbeaten at both the Dave Hodgson Squash Festival, hosted by St Andrew's College in Makhandla, and the Standard Bank Invitational Festival, hosted by St Andrew's School in Bloemfontein. The crowning achievement of the season was winning the National Top Schools Championship in Pietermaritzburg - officially ranking Selborne College as the number one squash school in the country. A remarkable accomplishment and testament to the dedication, discipline, and talent within the squad.

Jonathan Hosking participated in the Slummies Showdown 2025 Weight Lifting event where he finished as the Best Lifter Teen Boy after lifting a total of 430kg. This achievement qualified him to participate in the Nationals.

Nationally, our Golf club is very competitive and displays a depth of talent. This year the players have continued to achieve milestones. Kyle van der Berg won the East London Men's Open. Ben Webber, Kyle Van der Berg and Aaron Louw competed in the SA Amateur Men's Golf Championships and all three golfers qualified for the match play section after the first two rounds. Aaron played exceptionally well and was eventually knocked out in the quarterfinals placing him in the

top eight. Selborne hosted the annual Golf tournament in June. Both the A and B teams were outstanding. The A team won the tournament with the B team placing third. Ben Weber was the best individual player with Kyle and Aaron finishing in second and third place respectively. At the National High Schools Championships, a young team was entered and fared well to end in eighth place. Well done to the golfers.

At the Inter House gala, a number of swimmers showed their prowess in the water. The winning house was Fuller. Reece Buret was awarded the Victor Ludorum for the U14 age group while Riley Cook was the Victor Ludorum in the U16 age category.

Benjamin Arnold was awarded the Meyers Cup for being the best senior swimmer and the U19 Victor Ludorum. Riley Cook must be congratulated for breaking two records at this event. These events included a 12-year-old standing record in the open 50 metre backstroke and the 40-year-old standing record in the open 100 meter backstroke events. Well done, Riley.

A number of our swimmers have excelled this year in their respective galas and national events. At the high school trials, Jed Cook and Tian Wessels achieved two and three first places respectively in the U15 division, while Riley Cook achieved three U16 first places. Lian Odendaal and Ben Arnold achieved two and three first places respectively in the U17 age category. Riley Cook and Wyl Wright placed second and third respectively in the U16 50m freestyle. At the Sprint Gala, Ben Arnold placed third in the U19 50m freestyle. Riley, Lian and Ben finished in second place in the medley relay while Ben, Riley

and Wyl won the mixed freestyle relay. This team comprised of three Selborne and three Clarendon swimmers.

Crewe House won the Interhouse Athletics. The U14 Victor Ludorum was Siyavuya Msweli. Jonathan Cronje was the U16 Victor Ludorum and the U19 Victor Ludorum was awarded to Luvo Xokiyana.

The winter program has been one which has tested our resolve. This season our boys had to dig deep and show the fighting spirit of a Selbornian and sheer determination.

HOCKEY

Our 1st XI represented the College at a number of key festivals, including the Tony Godding Festival, the KES Festival, Nomads, and the Hibbert Shield. These events offered our players exposure to top-level competition and valuable experience. The U16 team also participated in the Nomads and Hibbert Cup festivals, demonstrating strong growth and competitive spirit throughout. Similarly, our U14 side attended both Nomads and the Hibbert Cup, showcasing great promise

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and laying a solid foundation for the future of Selborne Hockey. Our heartfelt thanks go to the many parents who offered their time and support.

The determination and perseverance shown by all players, coaches, and support

staff have been commendable. We look forward to building on this momentum in the coming seasons.

RUGBY

The Rugby Club has enjoyed a successful year overall, with the majority of teams delivering strong performances and showing notable progress throughout the season. The Graeme College Festival provided a superb start to the year and was a resounding success. Our U14A, U15A, U16A teams, and the 1st XV, all secured victories against Marlow, an early indicator of the strength and depth within the club.

At the Grey High Festival, the U14A and U15A teams performed admirably, while the U16A and 1st XV faced tough opposition. The KES Festival proved similarly demanding, with the 1st XV up against two top-tier schoolboy rugby teams. However, their courageous performance - particularly against Affies - reflected the resilience and fighting spirit that defines a Selbornian. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the final fixture against Grey High School. In this match, the 1st XV showcased their full potential,

delivering a display of dogged defense and accurate attack to secure an outstanding victory. Special congratulations go to the U16A team for their consistent improvement and strong team spirit throughout the season. A further mention must go to the U14C team, who can proudly

claim the title of ‘Team of the Year’, having lost only one match - their only defeat was vs Grey College.

SOCCER

The Soccer Club has enjoyed a busy and rewarding programme this year. In June, Selborne College proudly hosted the annual Soccer Tournament, where our 1st Team delivered a strong performance, finishing in 4th place. During the season, the teams competed in the Victoria Park Tournament and the East London Schools League. Congratulations to both the U16 and 1st Teams for their outstanding achievements - each securing victory in their respective age groups in the local league. Their success is a reflection of their hard work, teamwork, and commitment throughout the season.

The Cross Country Club has

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enjoyed an exciting and active calendar this year, offering our athletes numerous opportunities to compete and grow in the sport. The team participated in a range of events across the season, consistently demonstrating dedication, endurance, and team spirit. One of the standout achievements of the year was the Selborne 1st Team’s victory at the prestigious Berry Dam Relay. In what was an outstanding performance, the team once again claimed first place - an impressive testament to their hard work and preparation.

The continued success of the Cross Country Club is the result of disciplined training, committed athletes, and the support of passionate coaches who have guided the team throughout the season. We look forward to building on this momentum.

Owen Petersen competed in his first Compak SA competition this year and delivered an exceptional performance, finishing in first place and receiving a trophy. He also took part in his first Skeet event, earning a gold medal in the Clay Target discipline. Overall, Owen secured a bronze award in the Junior Division - a remarkable achievement for his debut season.

A number of our staff members have excelled in their respective areas of interest.

Congratulations to Mr Luke Ferreira on completing his third

Comrades Marathon, finishing in an impressive time of 9 hours and 22 minutes.

We also extend our congratulations to Mr Storm Siebert on his selection to the South African Men’s Water Polo Team, which participated in the 22nd World Aquatics Championships held in Singapore - an outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Mr Friend on being recognised at national level, serving as a selector for the SA U16 Boys team and as a member

of the SA U18 Boys coaching staff.

We are incredibly proud of each of their accomplishments and the way they continue to represent Selborne College with excellence and distinction.

Selborne College is a school of excellence and has continued to produce Provincial and National achievers across the broad spectrum of a Holistic School.

The Drama Club has excelled this year. They were selected to attend the National ATKV Championships. Jesaja was the only learner-written and produced production. At the prize giving ceremony, Hepzibah Qutywa was nominated for Best Stage Manager while Ronald Theron was nominated for Best Actor in a leading role. As a result of this nomination, Ronald was added to the ATKV agent-roll. This means an agent will be allocated to Ronald to secure roles in film, television and theatre in the future. An achievement we can all be very proud of.

Additionally Ronald Theron won the National Proscenium Championships earlier this year, which is a phenomenal achievement, earning him the opportunity to be cast in a professional production.

No fewer than 107 sportsmen have been recognised and selected into their respective provincial sports teams this year.

A number of learners aspire to even greater heights and we are proud of their achievements.

Mandré Strydom participated in the SACEE English writing competition. His entry, titled “Dear”, was selected to be published in the prestigious English Alive Anthology - a first for

a Selborne College learner.

Stephen Lukose and Tejas Vinoth Kumar were selected to represent the South African Karate Team to attend the 8th Karate-do Gojukai Global Championships in Japan.

Congratulations to Thomas Caswell and Liam Hansen who were included into the South African U18 Water Polo Team.

The Squash team had a very successful year. Three Selbornians ranked in the SA Top Ten in their respective age groups. Joshua Edwards is ranked 9th in the U16 age group, while Jody Emslie and Wian Fourie are ranked 6th and 8th in the U19 section respectively.

Congratulations to these three players as they have been included into the South African Squash team to participate in Malaysia later this year.

Ben Weber must be congratulated on winning the Bronze Medal at the SA Junior International Golf Tournament, while Aaron Louw won through to the quarter finals of the SA Amateur Golf Championships.

Adam De Lange finished 4th at the SA Biathlon Championships, while Luke Tinhoff received his Junior Springbok Colours after competing in last year's World Championships.

Liam Chettiar, Ethan Robb and Daniel Tarr were selected for the South African Indoor U16 Cricket Team.

My sincere thanks go to Norton House Superintendent Mr Miles, who, together with the staff and duty team, continue to create a true home away from home for our boys.

I would also like to extend my

gratitude to the matrons of Norton House, Mrs Geldenhuys and Ms Stanford, for their dedicated care and support.

Caring for teenage learners is never an easy task. These young men constantly test boundaries and, in order to maintain a safe and positive environment, tough decisions must be made - striking a careful balance between firm discipline and genuine care.

I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Mr Frewen and his Estate staff. Their tireless efforts ensure that our campus remains in impeccable condition - from maintaining roadworthy buses and well-groomed sports facilities to keeping our buildings and classrooms in excellent order. Their dedication is truly valued and makes a significant difference to our school community.

Particular thanks must be extended to Mr Erasmus, who served as my Deputy until May, and to Mr Viviers, who has since stepped into the role of Acting Deputy. Their support and leadership have been invaluable throughout the year.

I also extend my sincere appreciation to the Senior Management Team for their wise counsel and for fulfilling their leadership responsibilities with dedication, always ensuring the smooth day-to-day operations of the school.

The support provided by our administrative staff has been deeply appreciated. They shoulder responsibility for most of the day-to-day operations of the school and consistently engage with all stakeholders in a professional and efficient manner.



A special word of thanks must be extended to Mrs Jacobs, my personal assistant. Despite facing her own challenges this year, she has continued to serve both myself and the broader staff with unwavering dedication, professionalism, and care. Her contribution continues to be invaluable.

My heartfelt thanks to Mrs Dewar for her unwavering support over the past year. Her strength, resilience, and dedication to ensure the well-being of our school community have been truly inspiring.

As the Headmaster's wife, she has endured her own share of challenges with grace, always remaining a steady and supportive presence behind the scenes. Thank you, Mrs Dewar, for all you have done, it is greatly appreciated.

In closing, I wish our Matriculation Class of 2025 the very best for the upcoming final examinations. I know that you have put in the hard work and that your experiences of this year will be carried with you in perpetuity.

Thank you.



Staff WELLNESS

Teacher-in-Charge: Mrs H. Breetzke
Committee: Mr Grant, Mr Sparg, Mrs Mocke, Ms Kelepu, Mrs Engelbrecht, Mrs Hartmann, Ms Odhav, Mrs Gobel.

From the STAFF

Mrs H. Breetzke



The social leg of Staff Wellness has been active this year, with Mrs Hartmann, Ms Odhav, Mrs Engelbrecht and Mr Sparg ensuring that a variety of events do not go by unnoticed. This has been included get-togethers arranged at Old Boys at the end of each term, organising a Stork party for Mrs Musgrave, the organisation of the Christmas Function and Staff Farewell function at the end of the year. The Staff Wellness Committee attempts to make all employees of Selborne College feel acknowledged and 'seen' on occasions like Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day and World Teacher Appreciation Day. On this particular occasion, Surf Bru Coffee visited our campus to treat staff at the end of a particularly challenging third term. A very entertaining Padel day was also organized at the end of term three, which was a wonderful opportunity to let off some steam, to show off some athletic skills and just to relax and have some fun! More initiatives of this nature are being planned as termly events for next year.

In the area of Staff Mentorship, Mr Sparg has looked after our six new members of staff this year, guiding and supporting them as they have embarked on their respective journeys at Selborne College and, in some cases, at the start of their teaching careers. He has also taken five university students under his wing, as they have spent time at our school, gaining valuable practical teaching experience

while he has held weekly discussions with our three interns in our learnership group, in terms of their various areas of challenge.

While Mr Grant and Mrs Breetzke have continued to offer emotional support to members of staff, as and when challenging situations have arisen throughout the year, Mrs Mocke has continued to be an asset as, not only the administrative 'driver' of our group and overseeing birthday cards, but as our link to the Mother's Prayer Group. The spiritual support offered to our staff and pupils by this group has been invaluable. Both staff and our boys have benefitted by this support, which has been the source of God's blessings and provision throughout the year. Ms Kelepu has assisted by providing additional notes of support throughout the year.

Birthdays at Selborne College do not go by unnoticed as every member of staff, whether they be part of our Ground, Hostel, Administrative or Academic staff, have continued to be acknowledged on their birthday with the giving of a personalized card and a small token. This is no small undertaking and has been managed by Mrs Mocke and Ms Odhav, who has also overseen the birthday teas each term. As a result of these small gestures, Staff Wellness continues to emphasize the importance of addressing the wellbeing and sense of belonging of our staff members, who are crucial to the wellbeing and development of the Selborne boys. It is, after all,

by caring about the small details in the lives of our staff members, that we are empowering them to be in a better position to care for and support the development of our boys.

In the area of Staff Development this year, two formal staff workshops were held in collaboration with Bizskills. The first workshop was delivered by Mr Peter Anthony, in which he delivered an address on "Creating an Effective Legacy as an Educator," and in which the main takeaway for staff revolved around an understanding of how, in order to create a successful



Staff WELLNESS Committee

Front Row: Mr S Grant, Mrs H Breetzke, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mrs M Gobel, Mrs J Engelbrecht
Back Row: Ms K Odbav, Mr J Sparg, Mrs S Hartmann, Mrs V Mocke



legacy, one must be intentional about resolving past conflict, which is achieved through increasing self-awareness and building healthy relationships. In addition, he highlighted how one needs to adopt a pragmatic optimism in order to achieve this - an inspiring message and workshop. Later in the year, staff attended a workshop, which was facilitated by Yolanda Shiers, a former principal and psychologist, who conducted a workshop entitled; "Impacting Educator Wellness - Getting off the Hamster Wheel" in which



she shared some useful insights, mainly around the issues of Staff Burnout and about the essential need for staff to be responsible for taking care of their general wellbeing, in terms of being intentional about living a balanced lifestyle.

Staff Development further encouraged members of staff to continue to grow by signing up for various other learning opportunities, including online courses and webinars, throughout the year. Topics for enrichment are also provided by Mrs Gobel, who assists with the administrative uploading of CPD points for our staff. This Year, the entire staff were trained on the issue and importance of Safeguarding in schools, under the auspices of The Guardian, an organization spear-heading safeguarding and the protection of our children throughout South Africa, while six members of staff; Mr Dewar, Mr Sparg, Mr Grant, Mrs Breetzke, Mr Miles and Mr Spence, were trained as



DSO officers or Designated Safeguarding Officers, by the same organization. We look forward to seeing the roll-out of this process being implemented at Selborne College in 2026.

To enrich the lives of those who we teach, educators must be enriched and supported in their own lives. Staff Wellness and Staff Development has continued to add to a culture of caring and growth at Selborne College so that the lives of our pupils might be enriched and impacted positively through their interactions with those who teach them!

“... The essential need for staff to be responsible for taking care of their general wellbeing ...”







Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Executive Management



Mr A Dewar
Headmaster

BA (Rhodes), HDE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Geography and Life Orientation



Mr N Erasmus
Deputy Headmaster (left in May 2025)

MA (Fort Hare), HDE (Roggebaai)

- **Subjects:** Afrikaans
- **Sport / Society:** 3rd Rugby
- **Portfolio:** SGB Representative, School Management Team, Head of Academics, Prize Giving and Pupil Assessment



Mr S Viviers
Vice Principal and Acting Deputy Headmaster (from May 2025)

BA ED HMS (UPE), HONS BED (EM)(UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Accounting, Economic and Management Sciences
- **Sport / Society:** U14A Hockey, MiC Golf and 1st Team Golf Coach
- **Portfolio:** Head of Finance & Facilities, School Management Team and Fitness Centre Manager

Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Department Heads



Mr G Ndlovu
HOD: Information and Communications Technology

BED ICT, HDE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Information Technology (Head of Subject) and Coding.
- **Sport / Society:** Athletics Coach, First Aid and Computer Society
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Head of Computerisation and Computers in Education



Mr W Paxton
HOD: Culture and Societies

RULM (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Music (Head of Subject) and Creative Arts (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** Military Band (MiC), MiC Squash
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Head of Culture & Societies, Supporters Club Representative, Safety Committee (MiC), Colours Committee and Hostel Master



Mr W Scholl
HOD: Discipline

BCom (Rhodes) Hons (UFH)(Economics & Financial Markets) and PGCE

- **Subjects:** Mathematics and Mathematics Literacy
- **Sport / Society:** U14A Cricket and U16B Hockey
- **Portfolio:** Head of Discipline, Interhouse co-ordinator and MiC Cadets



Mr J Sparg
HOD: Tutors

BCom Accounting (UFH), PGDip Acc (UFH), PGCE (UNISA) and Bed Hons (NWU) – HOD: Tutors

- **Subjects:** Accounting (Head of Subject), Mathematics, EMS and Acting Head of Academics
- **Sport / Society:** MiC Tennis, 1st Team Tennis Coach
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Head of Tutors, Grade 11 Tutor, Magazine Committee, Staff Development and Allan Gray Facilitator



Mr M Spence
HOD: Sport

Sports Management (ETA), Gary Kirsten Coach Ed: Elite Level 4

- **Subjects:** LO Sport
- **Sport / Society:** Sport (MiC), Cricket (MiC), Pro Cricket Coach and 4th Hockey
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team and Colours Committee

Department Heads



Mrs H Breetzke
HOD: Wellness

BA (UPE), Hons (UNISA), HDE (UCT)

- **Subjects:** English
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Registered Specialist Wellness Counsellor, Head of Staff Wellness, Staff Development, Bursaries Liaison, Magazine Committee and Counselling Support Team



Mrs JJ Engelbrecht
HOD: Academic Assessment

BCompt, PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Business Studies (Head of Subject), Accounting and EMS
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Head of Academic Assessment, and Staff Wellness Committee



Mr S Grant
HOD: Pastoral

BA. Ed (Pretoria University)

- **Subjects:** English (Head of Subject) and Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** 4th Cricket and 5th Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Counselling Support Team, LSEN Co-Ordinator, PTA Secretary, Staff Wellness Committee, Concessions & Readers, Photographic Society and Big Bleed



Mr A Miles
HOD: Hostel Superintendent

BSS (Rhodes), PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Business Studies, CAT and Economic Management Sciences
- **Sport:** Rugby (MiC), 3rd Team Water Polo
- **Portfolio:** Norton House Superintendent and Grade 8 Tutor



Mr B Mona
HOD: DOE & Diversity

BSc (UPE), PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** Athletics Coach
- **Portfolio:** School Management Team, Head of DOE & Diversity, Maths Support Classes, Selborne Outreach Programme, Learner Welfare and Optima Trust Coordinator

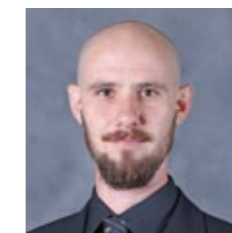
Senior Teachers



Mr G Bishop

BA Ed (UPE), W&M (UPE)

- **Subjects:** Engineering and Graphics & Design (Head of Subject) and Maths Lit.
- **Sport / Society:** 2nd Rugby and U18 Rowing
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Safety Committee and Transport



Mr C Breytenbach

B.Ed (Prim)(Fort Hare, Cum Laude), Afrikaans Literature (Hons)(Fort Hare)

- **Subjects:** Afrikaans (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** U14B Hockey, Athletics Coach and Horticulture (MiC)
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Head of Fuller House, SCA (MiC) and Duty Master of Norton House



Mr P Coetzee

BA HDE, B.Ed (UCT)

- **Subjects:** History
- **Sport / Society:** U14C Rugby



Mr L Ferreira

BSc (UNISA), PGCE (North-West University)

- **Subject:** Life Science and Natural Science (Head of Subject)
- **Sport:** 2nd Water Polo and U16B Hockey
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Academic Gowns



Mr C Geldenhuys

B.Ed (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy (Head of Subject)
- **Sport:** Squash
- **Portfolio:** Grade 10 Tutor, Mathematics Olympiad, Maths Support Classes and AD Maths Co-ordinator

Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Senior Teachers



Mrs S Hartmann

BA Hons (Rhodes) PGCE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** English and Life Orientation (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** Public Speaking and Debating
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Staff Wellness Committee, Public Speaking, Debating (MiC) and Counselling Support Team.



Mr D Hartwanger

BSc (Wits), MSc (Wits), PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Physical Science (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** U18 Rowing Coach, 4th Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Trophies and Grade 11 Tutor



Mr R Koekemoer

B.Soc Science (FH), PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Social Science and History (Head of Subject)
- **Sport / Society:** First Team Cricket Coach and 2nd Team Hockey Coach



Ms N MswanaMini

MA (NMU), BA Hons, HDE (University of Fort Hare)

- **Subjects:** IsiXhosa (Head of Subject) and Arts & Culture
- **Sport / Society:** IsiXhosa Society (MiC)
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, isiXhosa Support Classes and Class Detention



Mrs V Mocke

BA, HDE (Stellenbosch)

- **Subjects:** Afrikaans
- **Sport / Society:** Mom's Prayer Group and Afrikaans Support Classes
- **Portfolio:** Water Polo Admin, Asset Register, Charities, SACE, Staff Wellness Committee and Staff Development



Mr G Mountfort

BCom (UNISA), PGCE, PDEML Honours (Cum Laude)

- **Subjects:** Business Studies and Maths
- **Sport:** MiC Rowing, U15 Rowing Coach and U15C Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Grade 9 Tutor



Mr D Ochse

(Left in April 2025)

BA (Ed) Human Movement Science (UPE), PGCE (FET)

- **Subjects:** History, Social Science & Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** MiC Cross Country, Athletics Coach and SCA
- **Portfolio:** Grade 8P Class Teacher, Head of Perry House, Endurance Hike, OC Cadets and Presidents Awards (MiC)



Mr C Sandford

BA (Phys Ed), HDE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Geography
- **Sport / Society:** Cross Country and Athletics Coach
- **Portfolio:** Calendar, Colours Committee and Book-Room



Mr T Stellenberg

BSc IT (UFS)

- **Subjects:** CAT, Life Orientation, Computer Literacy
- **Sport:** MiC Athletics and U16A Hockey Coach
- **Portfolio:** Substitution



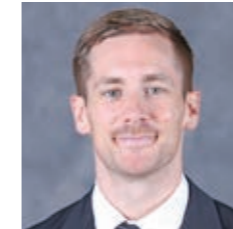
Mr G van Heerden

BSc (Rhodes), PGCE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Life Sciences (Head of Subject), Natural Sciences and Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** Squash
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher

Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching Staff



Mr J Alderman

B.Th

- **Subjects:** English
- **Sport / Society:** U14A Water Polo and U16A Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher. Head of Rees House



Mr B Ashmead

BSC (Hons) (UPE) HDE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Physical Science
- **Sport / Society:** MiC of Swimming and Chess



Mr J Blundell

BMus (Music Technology), PGCE

- **Subjects:** Music and Creative Arts
- **Sport / Society:** Squash
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Military Band, Cadet Band Trumpet Teacher and Drama Club



Mr J Boshoff

BA (Ed) NWU

- **Subjects:** English, History and Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** Athletics and Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mrs C Buss

BA (Stellenbosch), PGCE (Unisa)

- **Subjects:** English
- **Portfolio:** English support lessons



Mr M Chandler

ND Civil Eng (Walter Sisulu)

- **Subjects:** EGD
- **Sport / Society:** Rowing U16 Coach
- **Portfolio:** Rowing



Mrs K du Toit

BA HMS, BA Hons (Rhodes), PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** Mathematical Literacy and Mathematics
- **Sport:** U15B Water Polo and U16C Hockey
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Presidents Awards, Cadet Uniform and Water Polo Admin



Mrs M Gobel

Bachelor of Education (University of Fort Hare)

- **Subjects:** Life Orientation
- **Sport:** Water Polo Admin, Hockey
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Head Librarian, Staff Wellness Committee, Media Equipment, School Photographs, Staff Minutes and Scrapbook and Counselling Support Team



Mrs C Golding

BSc (UPE) HDE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, General Knowledge (MiC), Maths Support Classes, AdMath (MiC) and Further Studies Mathematics



Mr KJ Friend

Dip Sports Management (PE Tech), Sports Psychology (UNISA)

- **Sport:** MiC Hockey and 1st Team, 3rd Cricket
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Sports Administrator

Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching Staff



Mrs C Gumunyu

BA (UNISA), BSc, Diploma in Sec. Education (University of Zimbabwe)

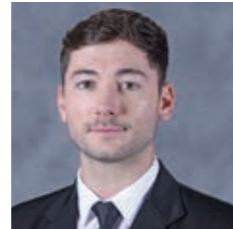
- **Subjects:** Geography
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mr W Gumunyu

B.Sc Chemistry and Microbiology, BSc Honours (UNISA), MSc (Rhodes)

- **Subject:** Physical Science
- **Sport:** Rugby and First Aid
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mr D Hartley

BEd FET(NMU)

- **Subjects:** Geography and Mathematics Literacy
- **Sport / Society:** 2nd Cricket, 16D Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mr J Jacobs

BCom (Fort Hare) and PGCE (Stadio)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics, Mathematical Literacy, Life Orientation and Accounting
- **Sport/Society:** U15A Cricket, U15A Rugby, Archery
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher and Hostel Master



Ms B Kelepu

BA (Hons)(UFH) PGCE (UFH)

- **Subjects:** IsiXhosa and Arts & Culture
- **Sport / Society:** Tennis, Soccer and IsiXhosa Society
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, IsiXhosa Support Classes and Wellness Committee



Mr J Kriel

BA (UFH) and PGCE (UNISA)

- **Subjects:** History
- **Sport/Society:** Rugby and Cricket
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher 8P



Mr G Littleford

BA (Hons)(Rhodes) HKE, PGCE

- **Subjects:** Life Science, Natural Science and Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** Fitness Centre (Conditioning), U15B Rugby & 4th Water Polo
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher and Fitness Centre



Mrs M Miles

BSc (UPE), HDE (UPE), QTS (UK)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics
- **Sport / Society:** Hockey, Water Polo admin
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Maths Support Classes, Cadet Uniform and Wellness Committee



Mrs S Minnaar

BCom (Rhodes) HDE (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Business Studies, Accounting and EMS
- **Sport / Society:** Interact (MiC)
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Staff Liaison for the Mothers Committee



Mrs G Musgrave

BA(UFH) and PGCE (Stadio)

- **Subjects:** English and Life Orientation
- **Sport / Society:** Hockey
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher

Staff QUALIFICATIONS

Teaching Staff



Mr B Nel

B. Ed (North West University)

- **Subjects:** English, Creative Arts (Drama)
- **Sport / Society:** Tennis, Dramatic Society, Military Band
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mr M Norman

MA M.Ed (Rhodes)

- **Subjects:** Mathematics



Ms K Odhav

BSc, PGCE & BEd Hon (Stellenbosch)

- **Subjects:** Life Science, Natural Science
- **Sport / Society:** Debating and Water Polo Admin
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Matric Dance



Mrs S Saayman

BA Ed (RAU)

- **Subjects:** Afrikaans
- **Portfolio:** Statistics Returns



Mr S Siebert

BSc (UNISA) PGCE (Stadio)

- **Subjects:** EMS, Accounting and Business studies
- **Sport / Society:** 1st Water Polo and MiC, U14B Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Mr L Siebert

- **Subjects:** Commerce
- **Sport / Society:** U15A Water Polo & U15D Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher



Ms A Stander

BA English, BA Honours

- **Subject:** English



Miss J Stemmet

B.Mus (Musicology) (North-West University), ATCL Performance Arts (Performing) & LTCL Performance Arts (Teaching)(Trinity College London)

- **Subjects:** Music and Creative Arts
- **Portfolio:** Choir (MiC), Drama (MiC) and Take 5



Mrs A Theron

BSc and HDE (UCT)

- **Subjects:** Natural Science, Physical Science
- **Portfolio:** Testimonials and Magazine Committee



Mr J Vermaak

B.Ed (North-West University)

- **Subjects:** Afrikaans
- **Sport / Society:** U14C Cricket and U16C Rugby
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher, Head of Malcolmsm House



Mr T Warren

B.Ed (North-West University)

- **Subjects:** Geography and Technology
- **Sport / Society:** U14A Rugby, U14B Water Polo and Interact
- **Portfolio:** Class Teacher

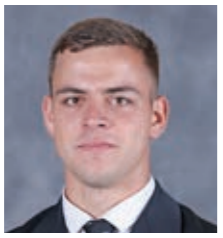
Staff QUALIFICATIONS

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Learnerships



Mr D Deere
• **Subjects:** Afrikaans



Mr C Du Plessis
• **Subjects:** Afrikaans and English
• **Sport / Society:** U15B Cricket, U16B Rugby, 2nd Team Rugby Guitar Society and SCA

PR & Communications



Mrs B Weimann
Public Relations Office
Diploma in Public Relations (Damelin College)
• **Portfolio:** PR Aspects and Social Media



Mrs A Dewar
Media & Communications
• **Portfolio:** Social Media, Communications, Memorabilia and LSEN Administration

OSA



Mr A Parsons
(Deceased April 2025)
Old Selbournian Association
Executive Director and Past President
• **Sport / Society:** Photographic Society
• **Portfolio:** OSA Executive Director, Website Administrator, Social Media and Media for Selborne College

Norton House – Hostel



Mr A Miles
Superintendent



Mr W Paxton
Duty Master



Mr J Jacobs
Duty Master



Mr L Ferreira
Duty Master



Mr C Breytenbach
Duty Master



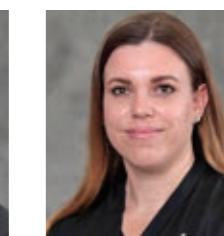
Mrs A Slater
(Retired August 2025)
Matron, Catering



Ms L Cox
(Left in August 2025)
Matron



Ms C Stanford
Matron, Catering



Mrs J Geldenhuys
Matron

Administration Staff



Mrs S Jacobs
Headmasters PA



Mrs A Tonkin
Reception



Mrs M Hodgkinson
Admissions Secretary



Mrs N McGregor
Finance Manageress
BCom (Rhodes)



Mrs M Hein
Creditors



Mrs L Jacoby
Debtors

Selborne Arms



Mrs S Botha
Tuckshop and Events Co-ordinator
Diploma in Events Management (CPD Certified)



Mrs C Maneli
Assistant

Estate Staff



Mr B Frewen
Estate Manager



Mr D Norman
Maintenance Manager



Groundsmen
Front Row: Messrs I Dokolwana, B Frewen, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Norman, K Qondo
Middle Row: M Mpe, Z Ngunuzu, R Sibiya, M Dulasi, S Fani
Back Row: R Rasonti, H Ngwelo, D Mketsu

Fitness Centre



Mr S Viviers
MiC of Fitness Centre
BA ED HMS (UPE), HONS BED (EM)(UNISA)



Mr G Littleford
Gym Fitness Instructor & Conditioning Coach
BA (Hons) Sports Science (Rhodes)



Mr S Rana
Gym Fitness Instructor
Diploma in Fitness, Coaching Science and Sport Massage





Reports from our COMMITTEES



Moms PRAYER Group

Committee Head: Mrs Miranda Muller



It has been both an honour and a privilege to journey alongside such a faithful and dedicated group of women this year. Weekly, the Moms Prayer Group meets at Foundation House, on a Tuesday morning at 7:30am. We meet here to lift up our school, our sons, the staff, and our broader community, in prayer. Together, we have witnessed God's hand at work guiding, protecting, and strengthening us and Selborne College through every season. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage any moms, who would like to join us on a Tuesday morning, to please feel free to do so. True friendships are formed during this time and the moms are there to support one another, through life's ups and downs, as well as to carry the school in prayer.

“... Together, we have witnessed God's hand at work ...”



I think that most people would agree that life can be turbulent at times and it is how we choose to react and manage these moments that contributes significantly to the quality of life we get to experience. Having people that you can count on to help support you throughout, makes such a difference in everyday life. We have the privilege of experiencing this on a weekly basis when we meet together, not only to lift our school and each other up in prayer, but to give thanks for all of the answers to prayers that we receive from our faithful Lord and Saviour.

In August this year, we extended an invitation for parents, staff and

learners to join us in a prayer walk around the perimeter of Selborne College. This was enjoyed by all who took part, while being a reminder of just how blessed we are to be able to meet and pray so freely, at the same time.

Our weekly gatherings create a safe space for moms to connect, share, and intercede together. We prayed for our learners to walk in wisdom and integrity, for our educators to be strengthened, and for the peace and protection of our school community. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every mom who gave of her time, her prayers, and her heart. Your

faithfulness makes a difference in ways that we may never fully see. A special thank you also goes to the school leadership and the teachers who join us each week, for their ongoing support of our prayer ministry.

As we look ahead, may we continue to cover our school in prayer and trust that God will do exceedingly more than we can ask or imagine.

“Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” Psalms 91:1-2



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Old SELBORNIAN Association

From the OSA PRESIDENT

Mr Keveshen Chetty



It has been my privilege to serve as President of the Old Selbornian Association (OSA) over the past year - a year marked by both triumphs and trials. We began with high hopes of continuing the work of building the Brotherhood, a legacy so passionately championed by my predecessor, Matthew Francis.

Tragically, early in 2025, we lost a stalwart of the OSA and the broader Selborne family, Mr. Alan Parsons. Alan's untimely passing left a significant void, and both the OSA Executive and the College had to step in to carry forward many of his responsibilities. I extend my deepest gratitude to Ms. Hensburg, Ms. Dewar, and Ms. Weimann, for stepping up during this difficult time.

Later in the year, we received news that our Junior Vice President, Mr. Mr Kevin Klinkradt, that he and his family would be relocating to Cape Town. Kevin,

thank you for your contributions during your time on the Executive. We wish you, Nicole, and your little one, all of the best in this new chapter.

Despite these challenges, the past year has been a vibrant one for the OSA. The Gauteng Branch hosted a memorable function for the First Rugby and Hockey teams during the KES Festival, while the Western Cape Branch welcomed our Primary School's U13 and U12 rugby teams. These branches have continued to foster camaraderie among Old Boys, often collaborating with fellow alumni from Queen's College and Dale College, respectively.

Our international branches in the UK and US have also grown from strength to strength, expanding the reach of the Brotherhood across borders. In partnership with Old School, we reintroduced the nostalgic cotton rugby jerseys, which has been a resounding success, with pre-orders far exceeding expectations.

We've also begun revitalizing our social media presence, launching an Instagram account and exploring other platforms to better connect with Old Boys who prefer alternative communication channels.

October was a particularly busy month, as we welcomed back Old Boys from around the globe for Founders' weeks. This year, the OSA held a steak evening at the Old Boys Club with about 200 supporters in attendance. At the end of October, the annual OSA Golf Day was held at East London Golf Club, which was also well supported. Thank you to all who participated in the event and for

the generous donation of prizes.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Executive Committee members; Vice President Lungisa Siyodwa and Treasurer, Braden Sincock, for their unwavering support and dedication. Special appreciation also goes to Headmasters Mr. Dewar and Mr. Bischoff, and to Mr. Reeves and Mr. Breetzke

from the Foundation, for their invaluable guidance and for including the OSA in special events.

Most importantly, thank you to all Old Selbornians for your continued support, ideas, and, most importantly, for your engagement. If some suggestions haven't yet been implemented, please know that they are valued

and under consideration.

To the Class of 2025; as this chapter of your life closes, remember the lessons and values instilled in you at Selborne. Carry them forward, with pride and integrity. Welcome to the Brotherhood.

Palma Virtuti

Selborne FOUNDATION Trust

CHAIRMAN'S Report

Mr Andrew Reeves (1985)



Congratulations to Selborne College and Selborne Primary on celebrating their 153rd Founders Day! As always, the Founders celebrations were exceptionally well supported. I would like to commend our Headmasters, Mr Riaan Bisschoff and Mr Andrew Dewar, for yet another outstanding year of leadership at these two remarkable schools.

The Selborne Foundation Trust (SFT) had a highly successful year on the sponsorship front, achieving growth across most areas. However, the advertising portfolio proved more challenging, with some partners withdrawing due to economic pressures. Despite these headwinds, we secured several new advertisers and began promising new partnerships. We also received a number of anonymous monetary donations, which were greatly appreciated.

We are especially grateful to our sponsors for their support and generosity, which has resulted in significant funding through advertising and sponsorships. A

big thank you to our two Business Liaisons, Mr Derek Breetzke and Mr Adam Robertson, for their dedicated work in maintaining and growing relationships on behalf of both Selborne College and Selborne Primary School.

Once again, we were very fortunate to receive many donations this year, all earmarked for the benefit of our two schools. The SFT proudly contributed R1 100 000 towards bursaries and scholarships in 2025. I thank each and every donor, most sincerely, for their generosity in giving boys the opportunity to be educated at such a fine institution.

As the main fundraising arm for both Selborne Schools, the Selborne Foundation Trust continues to promote and strengthen our legacy. A detailed brochure is available outlining the role and function of the SFT, its history, and the various trusts – namely, the UK Charity Trust, Selborne Schools USA Foundation Inc., and the SFT in South Africa.

My sincere thanks go to Mr Phillip Pratt (Chairman of the UK Trust)



and Mr Jonty Skinner (Chairman of the USA Trust) for their continued passion and support for our *Alma Mater*. We also warmly welcome Mr Bradley Sparg as the newest Trustee of the SFT in South Africa, and we look forward to his insight and expertise in the years ahead. Welcome aboard, Brad!

RUGBY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

This year, the SFT, in close collaboration with the school's rugby administration, educators, coaches, and independent rugby support specialists, facilitated the formation of a Rugby Support Committee to develop a new rugby structure and blueprint for Selborne College. Over Founders weekend, Selborne College announced the appointment of a Director of Rugby, which will include the involvement of a former Springbok coach as a mentor and advisor. This initiative marks an exciting new chapter for Selborne rugby and will ideally serve as a model for other sporting codes within the school. We congratulate Mr Dewar on these innovative steps in enabling the Selborne experience to evolve.

COMMUNICATION AND PROJECTS

The Selborne Schools website – www.selbornefoundation.co.za – continues to grow from strength to strength. We encourage everyone to visit the site to learn more about how the various Trusts operate and how you can contribute to their initiatives.

The Pillar Project, located along the fence line surrounding Selborne College, remains an ongoing and meaningful legacy initiative. Many new names have been added this year, and we encourage the Class of 2025 to have their names engraved on a pillar so that their name will be




Mr Derek Breetzke
Business Liaison

Mr Adam Robertson
Business Liaison

“... The Selborne Foundation Trust continues to promote and strengthen our legacy ...”

linked to Selborne for posterity. Old Boys wishing to participate can contact our offices at admin@selbornefoundation.co.za.

Copies of *“The Black & White”* by Mr Trevor Webster are still available from the Foundation House office at 4 Dawson Road. Books are available in exchange for a donation to the Trust.

THE “150 CLUB”

We are proud to introduce the “150 Club”, an exciting new fundraising initiative that brings together Old Boys and friends of the Selborne community from across the globe. The campaign invites supporters to contribute a minimum of R150 (or the equivalent in their local currency) on a monthly, annual or once-off basis.

With around 4,500 active Old Boys worldwide, we are confident that this initiative will gain strong momentum and become a meaningful way to continue building the Selborne legacy for generations to come.

All funds raised through the 150 Club will be ring-fenced according to each donor's preference and directed into one of four key areas — Sport, Academics, Culture, or the Selborne Trust Endowment Fund — thereby ensuring that every contribution directly supports the specific area of Selborne life, that matters most to each donor.

We encourage all Old Boys and friends of Selborne to join this initiative and to make a lasting difference.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated Trustees – Mark Andrews (1989), Brad Breetzke (1984), Angus Pringle (1989), Craig Rance (2000), Bradley Sparg (2000), and Howard Walker (1979) – for your continued commitment, insight, and time.

A special word of gratitude to our Treasurer, Mr Mike Preston, for maintaining our accounts with diligence and transparency.

To Mrs Vicki Gardner (Office Administrator) and Mrs Jeanette Hensberg (Finance) – thank you for your professionalism and hard work throughout this busy year.

As the Matric Class of 2025 concludes their school journey, remember: *You may be leaving Selborne, but Selborne never leaves you.*

Palma Virtuti



Mrs Vicki Gardner
Office Administrator



Mrs Jeanette Hensberg
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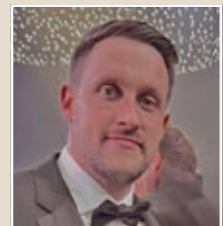
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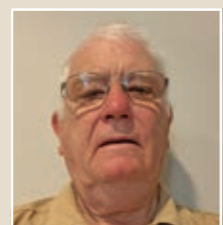


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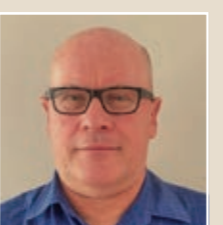
Bradley Sparg



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Pierre Tilney



Steve Bruce

School GOVERNING Body

From the SGB CHAIRMAN

Mr Angus Pringle



opportunity to extend our thanks to the dedicated Selborne College grounds staff.

I also extend my thanks to all members of the Governing Body, who have sacrificed many hours of their personal time in order to attend SGB meetings and a variety of sub-committee meetings to address the continuing demand of educating the young gentlemen of Selborne College.

My thanks must also be extended to Mr Dewar, his Senior Management Team and all staff, for the continued engagement with the SGB.

In addition, our thanks must also be extended to the Trustees of the Whippet Trust, the Selborne Foundation Trust and the Old Selbornian Association, for their

continued support throughout the year.

We also welcome the appointment of Mr Declan McLaggan as the school's Deputy Headmaster for 2026.

Finally, our gratitude must be extended to parents of our boys, who support the school so unselfishly, be it on the sports field, at the side of the swimming pool, serving parents behind counters or at function venues and, generally, for remaining involved in the life of Selborne College. It is the ongoing support of parents that, most certainly, enables Selborne College to maintain its high standards. We trust that 2026 will be another year of excellence.

"Reward is to the brave."

As the year draws to a close, we take this opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed and look forward to the year ahead. The SGB continues to exercise its oversight governance role and provide guidance, continuing to ensure our school's financial sustainability and our never-ending commitment to providing schooling which is both holistic and excellent.

During the year, the SGB, together with the school's Senior Management Team, has continued to implement a strategic planning process, implementing strategic pillars within our school's vision for the years to come.

The school campus is looking fantastic and we take this



School GOVERNING Body

- Front Row: Dr D Schaefer, Mrs S Emslie, Mr A Pringle (Chairman), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mrs A Kretzmann, Mr N Erasmus (Deputy Headmaster)
- Back Row: Mr S Viviers, Mr C Schenk, Mr S Vickers, Mrs W Stegmann, Mr A Miles, Mr B Frewen, Mrs A Smith
- Absent: Mr G Calver (Vice-Chairman)

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Selborne LIBRARY

Head Librarian: Mrs M. Gobel

Reports from our

FACILITIES



The library has continued to serve as a vital resource for students and staff, providing a conducive environment for studying and research. This report highlights recent developments, ongoing usage patterns, and future aspirations for the library.

In response to growing demands and feedback from users, the library has significantly expanded its collection over the past quarter. A total of 50 new titles were acquired, spanning various genres and subjects to cater to diverse interests and academic needs. These additions include recent bestsellers, academic texts, and reference materials, ensuring that the collection remains up-to-date and relevant.

To enhance the functionality and aesthetic appeal of the library, the traditional curtains have been replaced with modern blinds. This upgrade not only improves the control of natural light, but also contributes to a more streamlined and professional appearance. The new blinds are adjustable, allowing users to regulate light levels based on their preferences and the time of day, thus creating a more comfortable and versatile study environment.

The library continues to be a popular destination for learners, particularly during the afternoons and breaks. Students frequently utilise the facilities for studying, research, and group work. The quiet and resource-rich environment of the library supports focused learning and

collaborative activities, making it an essential part of the academic experience. The high level of engagement during these times underscores the library's role in supporting students' educational pursuits.

Looking ahead, the library upgraded its technological resources to further enhance the learning experience. The current projector system was replaced with a state-of-the-art interactive TV screen. This upgrade aims to provide a more dynamic and interactive platform for presentations, group discussions, and multimedia learning. The interactive TV screen will facilitate a more engaging and effective way for users to interact with digital content, thus supporting a variety of educational activities and improving overall user satisfaction.

The library remains a cornerstone of academic support, continuously evolving to meet the needs of its users. Recent enhancements, including the acquisition of new books and the upgrade from curtains to blinds, have contributed to a better learning environment. With ongoing high usage and future plans to upgrade technological resources, the library is committed to maintaining its role as a vital educational resource and community space.

The transition to an interactive TV screen represents a significant step forward in the library's technological evolution, promising to further enrich the learning experiences of all users.

Fitness CENTRE

Fitness Centre MANAGER

Mr S. Viviers



of their Life Orientation mark for the year, and a number of our sports teams also made use of the gym during the season.

It was great to have a year without saying farewell to any of our staff in the Fitness Centre. Mr Siya Rana and Mr Grant Littleford continued to perform their various tasks of taking classes, overseeing sports teams, and looking after the general well-being of all who came through our gym this year.

We continue to strive to keep the Fitness Centre relevant with regards to new equipment and maintaining and upgrading any equipment that needs to be improved on. We are very excited to see the fruits of some upgrades The Selborne Foundation Trust are earmarking for the start of next year.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff for their efforts in the gym this year. I would also like to thank Mr Bazil Frewen, our estate manager, and his staff, as well as Mr Bishop, for their assistance in the gym.

The goal of the Fitness Centre is to offer the Selborne family health, wellness and performance improvement. This year was no different. The one great positive about this year was the fact that we seem to have established a culture within the rugby club that it is essential to get the A squads in the gym at least twice a week so as to improve and maintain their strength and conditioning. I would like to thank Mr Boshoff and Mr Alderman for their commitment and skill set in assisting the boys at these sessions.

The Fitness centre is open to all Selbornians in the morning from 5:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. and then again every afternoon until 17:30 p.m. The learners used the gym for L.O. testing, which forms part



Norton HOUSE – Hostel

Superintendent:	Mr Allan Miles
Senior Master:	Mr Winston Paxton
Duty Masters:	Mr Luke Ferreira, Mr Jaco Jacobs & Mr Coenraad Breytenbach
Matrons:	Catering: Mrs Anita Slater (until August) / Ms Stanford
	Housekeeping: Mrs Lanchia Cox (until March) / Mrs Geldenhuys
Hostel Prefects:	Head Prefect: Mbongeni Wolela
	Prefects: Thokoza Madala, Tatenda Makuti, Qiniso Mhlambiso

At Norton House, we believe that leadership is found not only in grand moments, but also in the quiet routines that shape our days. This year has shown that small, intentional actions can have a powerful impact on our community. As we welcomed new staff, upgraded our facilities, and celebrated the dedication of our learners, Hostel Prefects and matriculants, we were reminded of a simple truth: greatness often begins with the ordinary. Just as a keystone habit sets the tone for success, the steady commitment of our staff

and boys continues to strengthen the heart of our hostel.

During the year, we upgraded the communal TV to a smart TV. The pool table and table tennis table were also refurbished, thanks to Mr. Geldenhuys's skills. In addition, we had to replace our geysers and laundry equipment, an investment that came at significant cost but was necessary. These upgrades will ensure improved facilities for our learners.

Norton House continues to be the heart of our school,

fostering leadership, creativity, and excellence in every student. Over the past year, our students have excelled across academics, sports, and the arts, demonstrating dedication, talent, and school spirit. From rugby fields to classrooms, from the stage to the cricket pitch, our students have made us proud.

Among our standout rugby players, Njongo Mbanga received Colours for his exceptional performances. He was also selected for the Border Craven Week Team, served as Vice-Captain of the 1st XV, and held the role of School Prefect, earning him a Palma Award. Additionally, Mbanga had the honour of being Parade Commander for Founders' Day. Qiniso Mhlambiso captained the 2nd XV Rugby team and was also benched for the 1st XV. In the arts, Mbongeni Wolela and Thokoza Madala continued to produce outstanding artwork.

Our Grade 11 students made significant contributions to both the sporting and academic success of the school. Owami Nkatu represented South Africa at the Top Schools Squash competition and placed 3rd in the Border Squash Inter-Provincial Tournament. Grigorios Antonakas played an important role in the 3rd XV Rugby side. Linamandla Njozela earned a 2nd Cricket team cap and was



named the most valuable 6th XV Rugby player, scoring 58 points. Liyema Tafeni played for the 2nd XV Rugby team, earned a 1st XV Rugby cap, and also represented the 2nd Cricket team. Alutha Katiya contributed to the 6th XV Rugby victory over Grey College and was promoted to the 5th XV. Hlubi Nqambi received a distinction in the Accounting Olympiad and remained on the Merit List throughout the year. Zwelethu Nojaholo represented the 2nd XV Rugby team, while Sanda George played 2nd Team Cricket and was part of the 5th XV Rugby side that defeated Grey College. Lusanele Ganthso contributed to victories over both Grey College and Grey High School in rugby. Sabelo Vuso and Imibongo Magwevana both played for the 3rd XV Rugby side, with Magwevana also earning a 2nd XV Rugby cap and playing a key role in the win against Queen's College.



In Grade 10, Hlumela Sibozo served as C Company Platoon Commander during Founders' Day. Othandwayo Magadla played for the U16A Rugby team and captained the U16 Border Country Districts side. He also represented the school in the Triangular and Hirsch Shield Athletics teams and was awarded first place in the grade for IsiXhosa First Additional Language. Lutho Mhlaba played U16A Rugby and competed in the Hirsch Shield Athletics team. Ayola Siko earned a Merit List distinction in Term 1, was a lead singer during IsiXhosa Cultural Week, and was an active member of A Company. Minqwena Ndiki received a Junior Merit for First Aid and contributed as a member of A Company. Sibulele Lwana remained consistently on the Merit List throughout the year. Mivuyo Lwana played 1st Team and U16A Hockey, serving as Vice-Captain of the U16A

“... This year has been a testament to the dedication, talent, and spirit of Norton House students ...”

team, represented Border, and also played 2nd Team Cricket. Sazi Silwana achieved multiple Drama accolades and competed in the 1st Team Cross Country and Triangular Athletics teams. Lunathi Yedwa represented U16A Rugby.

Grade 9 students also had a strong year. Lwandle Sikhosana made the Border U15 Soccer team, played U15B Cricket, and was consistently on the Merit List. Carter Careenza competed at the SA Rowing Championships. Mhlahli Mda achieved a Merit List placement in all three terms, earned a distinction in Mathematics, and had his artwork exhibited. Afika Njokweni captained the U15C Rugby team, played U15B Rugby, and was

also benched for the U15A side. Sandile Mbamali continued to be our top academic achiever.

Grade 8 students excelled academically, athletically, and creatively. Ayola Mponco represented both U14A and U14B Rugby teams. Bulela Makalima played on the wing for U14A Rugby, made the Merit List, and achieved an A aggregate in IsiXhosa. Likhanyile Gila showcased multiple talents: he remained on the Merit List, became a certified first responder in First Aid, represented the province in debating, and served as 1st Cricket Team scorer. Abulele Msikinya played in the U16 Soccer League Champions team and made the Triangular Athletics team. Luniko Ntamo



earned spots on the U15A Rugby team as well as the Triangular and Hirsch Athletics teams. Iminathi Sotheni was on the Merit List in Term 1. Luhle Faye remained on the Merit List for all three terms. Sikhokele Kente competed at Drama Nationals in Cape Town. Hlalumi Tom played U14A Rugby and captained U14B Rugby, which suffered only two defeats. Bonga Johnny also played U14A Rugby. Alive Ngxanga demonstrated significant academic improvement and dedication.

This year has been a testament to the dedication, talent, and spirit of Norton House students. Their achievements remind us that excellence is built not just on individual success, but on teamwork, perseverance, and pride in our school community.

The following Norton House Awards were presented by Mrs Slater at our Christmas Dinner.

- Academic Achievement in Grade 8 – Sikhokele Kente
- Academic Achievement in Grade 9 – Sandile Mbamali
- Academic Achievement in Grade 10 – Sibulele Lwana
- Academic Achievement in Grade 11 – Hlubi Nqambi
- Academic Achievement in Grade 12 – Mbongeni Wolela
- Junior Sportsman of the Year – Liniko Ntamo
- Senior Sportsman of the Year – Njongo Mbanga
- Paxton Cultural Award – Sazi Silwana
- New-pot Spirit – Alive Ngxanga



The Hostel Prefects play a vital role in bridging the gap between staff and boys, and their service this year is truly commendable. Leadership is, at its core, an act of service, and we are all reminded of the importance of leading by example. To our



matriculants, we extend our heartfelt best wishes as you embark on the next phase of your journey towards future careers. We trust that you will carry with you the message that was shared at our Christmas dinner about the power of boring things. As Craig Groeschel reminds us, "Boring is the pathway to greatness!"

This year, we bid farewell to two valued members of the Norton House staff. Their dedication and many years of service have been greatly appreciated. Mrs Cox left us at the end of Term 1 to join her husband in Cape Town. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Geldenhuys as our new matron at the start of Term 2, and we look forward to the positive contribution she and her family will bring to our boarding environment. Her husband, Mr Geldenhuys, is also a valued part of our school community, serving as an educator. We are excited to have them both as members of the Norton House family. Later in the year, Mrs Slater retired after

more than a decade of dedicated service. She has been succeeded by Ms Stanford, who now serves as our catering matron. We wish her every success in this important role - keeping more than 50 learners happy is no small task.



In reflecting on this year at Norton House, it is clear that our strength lies not only in individual achievements, but also in the collective spirit of our community. From the quiet dedication of our staff to the leadership and commitment of our prefects and matriculants, every contribution has shaped a year of growth, excellence, and resilience. Our students have excelled academically, athletically, and creatively, proving that consistent effort, teamwork, and perseverance are the true hallmarks of success. As we

celebrate these accomplishments, we also look forward with optimism, confident that the values, service, leadership, and pride nurtured here, will continue to guide our boys in the years ahead. Norton House remains a place where ordinary moments lay the foundation for extraordinary achievements.

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Our Annual SPECIAL EVENTS

Mr A Miles



Grade EIGHTS

Grade 8 Tutor: Mr A Miles

During the course of the first few weeks of high school, the very nervous Grade 8's were kept busy with a variety of activities, as they learnt more about the school and made new friends.

The learners enjoyed a day of orientation and the prefects assisted them with a tour of the school, after which they were introduced to their new base class teachers. They later enjoyed a braai and a sleepover in the Neil Emslie Centre. Many stories were told and our school traditions were shared by the older boys, while this also provided the opportunity for the learning of our School Song and War Cry. The new Grade 8's also got to spend time with the Grade 8's from our sister school, Clarendon Girls' High School, and enjoyed various sports and ice-breaker games.



As per tradition, the Grade 8's had to study for the 'Tie test' and achieve an 80% pass, in order to receive their ties back. This did prove to be a challenge for a few, but they all eventually succeeded!

The first two weeks of school are always challenging. After the Grade eights, however, passed their tie test, they participated in the Ringing of the Bell Ceremony, during which each new Grade 8 rings the bell, heralding their formal acceptance and entry into Selborne College. After this momentous occasion, they always begin to feel more at home and start to really begin to embrace their new environment and the brotherhood of Selborne College.

It is, nevertheless, particularly during the winter sporting programme, that the Grade 8's really begin to feel the school spirit and brotherhood, as they attend break-time Sing-Song

practices, rugby matches and hockey, under the Friday night lights.

During 2025, it was truly encouraging to see this group of Grade 8's fill their position in the school, become involved in sporting, cultural, inter house competition as well as accepting the academic challenges of high school.

At the start of the year, I encouraged and challenged the boys to take advantage of all that Selborne College has to offer. I further urged them not to get stuck on what they cannot do, but to do the best with what they can do. At various times throughout the year, I feel that each Grade 8 has attempted and accepted a new challenge and has done their best.

I look forward to seeing these young men mature and eventually take their place in the matric class of 2029!

Endurance HIKE





Founders' DAY

Guest SPEAKER

Mr F Rautenbach

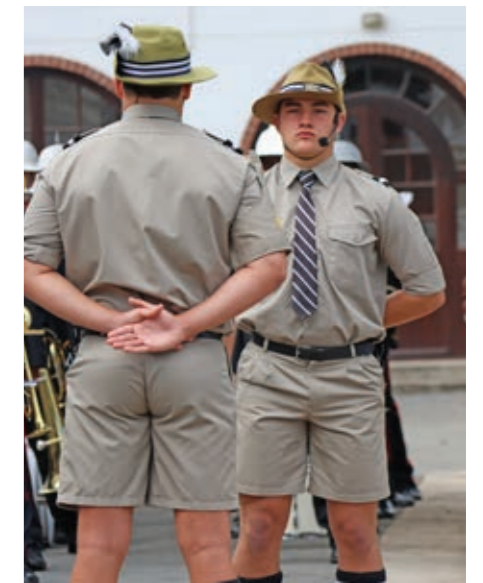


I'd like to start by thanking Mr. Andrew Dewar and the greater Selborne family for selecting me as their Guest of Honour at this year's Founders Day. It's a profound privilege and an honour for me to be here. And then also, I can see to my right, the class of 1990. It's funny how you can be far away from East London for a long time and you come back and words like "skebengas" come back into your head - and there they sit. Now some of you know that I'm in the entertainment business. I'm an actor, produced, I've written, and I've had some many wonderful experiences. I would like to share one of those experiences with you.

In 2007, we were preparing for the Hansie movie, a movie about the late cricketer Hansie Cronje

and his life. I had the privilege of playing Hansie in the movie and part of our preparation was that we had to go to Grey College to film a rugby match. The rugby match was between Affies and Grey College and the reason why we were doing this was that it played an integral part of the story because that was the last match that Hansie saw in 2001, before he passed away tragically in a plane accident. He and his brother had a very special moment that they shared during that match, so we wanted to capture that on film and we wanted to make it as authentic as possible. We wanted to capture the real game. The biggest thing that we needed though, was Grey needed to win because on the particular day way back in 2001, they had won something like 47-10 or something! We needed a proper win!

On the Thursday afternoon, I was in the headmaster's office. We were shooting behind the scenes, interviews and things like that and once



we finished the interview with the headmaster, he came to me and he pulled me aside and he said "Frank tomorrow morning we're having one of our special assemblies. There's a thousand school boys, plus a lot of their parents who are going to be there and Jean De Villiers has been invited. (Jean was the current Springbok captain at the time), and he's going to address the boys and after Jean speaks, I

would like you to speak." I mean this was 4:30pm on a



Thursday afternoon and whatever I was going to be required to say, needed to be ready for the next morning at 8:00am! I got to speak "following" Jean De Villiers - no pressure whatsoever. I thought, "...let me just go

fully expected (because my dad was a pupil at Grey College and he played rugby. He was there in 1958 and one of the things I had over him is that Selborne beat Grey College in 1958, so I always used to rag my dad about

because this guy played in the second team last week and my star player got injured. Now he's the replacement." As I heard this, I just heard a voice inside of me say, "You need to encourage this boy." I didn't know how or when, but at this moment, I knew what I had to do.

I went home that night and I saw my wife, Leigh, and I said to her, "Babe, this thing happened today and I feel like I need to encourage this guy and I don't know when and how." She said, "Don't worry, you'll figure it out." The next morning, when I woke up before the big assembly, I felt the same thing - that I needed to encourage him. When assembly happened, Jean spoke extremely well and spoke about how his dad taught him how to play rugby and the boys really received the message well. Then I got up on the stage and shared a bit about how I prepare for a movie and, in particular, for a Hansie character. I had to do a lot of research and I had to practise enormous amounts of cricket in the nets. As I finished my talk, in that moment, I heard that same voice say, "Now's the time." So I kind of stopped things and I said, "Look, where's that young man, you had a practice jersey on yesterday, 13 on your back. You've just made the first team, where are you? To my left, he stood up and I said, "What's your name?" and he said, "Danie Swanepoel, Sir." And I said, "I've got three things to tell you. The first thing is, well done - you made the first team." Without me prompting them, the entire school of a thousand boys got up and cheered him, "Woah!" They sat down. I still remember how the sun was streaming through the windows. It literally felt like I was in a movie. And then I said to him, "...the second thing I want to tell you is that I saw you yesterday and I saw how you ran. You're an incredible athlete. You

have such a balanced style of running." Without me prompting them again, the school stood up and went "Woah!" After they sat down a second time I said, "The one last thing I want to say to you is, now you need to believe it!" The school stood up, did a war cry and that was the end of the assembly.

The next day, when the game started, it was an incredibly windy day. Bloemfontein sometimes has wind and the players were struggling because the Affies guys looked like they were twice as big. They looked like they had sent an under 21 team, but Grey had a pretty good side that year, including Coenie Oosthuizen who later played Springboks, Robert Everson and Sys Evans, so they were a solid side, but they were struggling and it was about 12-15 minutes into the game and the score was 0-0. Sys got the ball passed to Robert. Robert got to about the 10m halfway line and he decided to grubber it through. The ball started tumbling towards

the sideline and then I saw Danie Swanepoel start running and he started chasing that ball. Two Affies guys were going for the ball too. He managed to dive straight through them, caught the ball and dived into the corner for a try. I stood up. I had goosebumps. I couldn't believe it. What a try! When all was said and done, Grey ended up winning that game 47-11 and Danie scored three tries! He scored the first and the final try of the match. The final try was so good, it was from a set piece on the halfway line and Danie ran right around that entire Affies team and scored under the poles! It was, in fact, so good that it made it into the movie, so if you've ever seen the Hansie movie and you see the try at the end of the movie, that's Danie Swanepoel.

After the match was finished. I found him on the field and I can unashamedly say that we both cried like two 5-year-olds lost in a mall. It was just such an astounding moment for me.

Everybody left. Eventually, I was on the field by myself. The sun was busy setting and I stood there and I just thought to myself that something profound had happened there that day and I was not entirely sure what it was. The first thing I thought was, "...where was that voice when I was a school boy?" I know it's a selfish thought, but I thought, "...where was that voice?" At the very same moment, I realized I'd become that voice for somebody else and that mattered more. While I was thinking this, I saw the headmaster, Mr. Volstead, coming across the field towards me. He said to me, "last night I had my meeting with my First team, my headmaster's meeting and about halfway through the meeting, Danie Swanepoel stood up and he said," - "Sir, I didn't feel a part of this team, I didn't feel ready for this game, but after what happened this morning in assembly, you guys have my heart. I'll give everything!" And that's what had happened. With that, he turned around and he

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outside and kind of go for a bit of a walk." It was late afternoon and I saw two teams, the First and Second teams practising and I kind of meandered over to where the backs were. As I was walking towards them, I noticed one player in particular. He was wearing a practice jersey with a 13 on his back and I was astounded at how balanced he ran, what a brilliant athlete he was and unbelievably quick he was. I walked towards the coach and I

that. But of course, I knew all the stories about Grey and you know SA schools' players and such.) So I walked over and I fully expected him to say, "Oh, this player was, you know, he's been a SA schools player for the last two years." and that sort of thing. Well, I asked him, "Who is this player with the 13 on his back?" At that moment, his face just dropped and he looked worried and I was sort of surprised when he said to me, "I'm very worried





year during rugby season, what would it look like if some of the First Team boys went to go and support the under 14C players? Not because you're expecting spectacular rugby or anything like that, but simply just to say to them, "...guys, you matter too! We see you guys, too!" If they are strong, everybody from under U14C to First Team is strong because there will be unity.

The second thing I thought of was that thought that I previously had "...where was that voice, when I was a school boy?" The funny thing about life is that if you constantly look for people to encourage you, it kind of makes you weak, but if you become the encourager, it will make you strong. This is what I learned that day. Anyone can do it at any time and that has kind of become the way I work. You know, often we're on set and it's a difficult environment because you're constantly fighting against time, fighting against big budgets. On some days we shoot at several million dollars a day and if you get your lines wrong, there's

heart and that's our school motto; "Palma Virtuti, Reward is to the brave." When you have courage in your heart, you can be brave!

The last thing I want to say about that too is what I found out only many years later. I was having dinner with Robert Everson when he was playing for the Blitzbokke in San Diego in a World Sevens tournament. I had dinner with him afterwards, and he said to me, "...you know, Frank, the thing that you don't know about Danie Swanepoel, is that four weeks before that match, he was playing in the fourth team. He said he was a good player at Primary school, but somehow in High school, he got lost a bit in the shuffle. And then someone got injured in the third team and he got pulled up. Then the next week someone got injured in the second team and he got pulled up and then someone got injured in the first team (the star winger who played SA schools or whatever) and he got pulled up. So you can imagine how intimidated he felt? But here's the profound thing; he scored three tries in one of their

years ago, I was in a lecture, in a talk and the lecturer started the talk by holding up an apple seed in his fingers. He just held up an apple seed and he looked at us and said, "How many apples are inside this apple seed?" A couple of smart Alex's shouted out, "... 1000, 200, 250," and eventually he put his hand up and he said, "Nobody knows. Only God knows how many apples are inside an apple seed, but he's given us the ability to find out." The way you find out is if you plant the seed, then you water the seed, you look after that seed and there's a time period where you got to have faith, that the seed's actually growing because you can't see it as it's under the ground. Eventually, it breaks through the ground and then you have got to start pruning that tree. Most fruit farmers will tell you that it takes about seven years for an apple tree to bear its best fruit. It's obvious what the analogy is. It's potential and every single one of you standing here, I don't care whether you're in standard six or what do we call it now - Grade 8 or matric, every single one of you has got potential, but you have got to get involved. You have got to take the thing that you're good at, the thing that you love doing, and you've got to plant it. Then you have got to look after it. Who knows, like Danie, you don't know what's in you. Then, guys, I want to remind you that I grew up in East London. I was born here at Frere Hospital, just down the road. I came to Selborne. I stood I think on the front right of the war memorial was my position as a new guard and as an old guard. I come from here and I had no idea that I could be an actor or that I could have the kind of career that I've been privileged to have, but it was there all along. I was just a little bit "checked out" at school



and the last thing I want for you guys, is to get to the end of your school career and you're holding a bunch of seeds in your hand and you've planted nothing!

So that's my encouragement to you today, whether you know it or not, you have a lot of potential. You've got something to give. From the greatest to the smallest, you have something to give. Give it! Thank you very much.



walked away and left me there. So some of the things I want to share with you this morning are the words I said to Danie, they were important words, but the entire school stood up and cheered him and said, "Danie, we've got your back." I have since thought about how having a culture of encouragement in a school, is so profoundly powerful. It creates unity. To you school boys, I just want to say how important it is that you encourage each other. Everybody, especially when you're a teenager, feels lost in some way. You feel like, you know, "who's seeing me? Who's got my back?" Guys, it's not that hard to create a culture of encouragement and you might think I'm crazy, but I was thinking, as an example for next

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a lot of pressure to get it right. I've, however, gone into those situations with encouragement in my heart to see who I can encourage and who I can lift up because in those kinds of intense environments, you need to have encouragement in your heart, but I just want to say one thing about the word "courage". It comes from the root word 'core' which in Latin means "heart". So when you encourage someone, you're literally putting courage in their

biggest matches of the year and he couldn't see it!"

I totally understand why the coach couldn't see it and, yeah, a kippy like me came as an outsider and saw something special about him. I don't know about you boys, you might feel like you are in Danie's position where you started out great and, somehow, things aren't working so great for you now. I want to share a little story with you as I finish. I remember how





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Prize GIVING

Guest SPEAKER

Mr L Weyer



Good evening all; it's lovely to see old faces again. I am so excited to be here. It is a privilege to stand here in front of Selborne College in 2025.

It's been a long time coming and I'm so glad that dates and matches worked out for us. There's really not enough time for what I can share with you all, but hey, let's go.

Firstly, I want to congratulate both the award winners and non-award winners as everyone contributes to Selborne's success and obviously individually you have achieved and done your best to make a change.

I'm Lindsay Weyer, from the class of 2006, and I have walked in the steps that you are all now taking.

As the Springbok's Performance Analyst. I guess everyone asks, "What does a performance analyst do?" Well, let me take you through a couple of examples. Every morning when you go to school, do you wake up at a specific time, eat at a specific time, leave the house at a specific time? Do you leave in the same direction, when on your way to school every morning? If the answer is "yes", this means that you and your parents or teachers have analysed what the best time and route is to take to get to school on time. Another example which is immediate, is that if there is an accident that occurs on your way to school in the morning that you hear about on the radio, your parents will immediately use a solution driven mindset, in order to solve the problem of getting you to school on time, by analysing the various scenarios and possible routes, which is very much what being a rugby analyst is all about.

This means that everyone is an analyst, in their own way,



except that I'm, specifically, a rugby Performance Analyst. This is an area where both coaches and past players have sometimes become involved. Famous coaches that were also analysts in the past, include Jake White, Eddie Jones and Rassie Erasmus, to name a few. I'm the one who goes into more depth, to establish trends, decision making and solutions for the team, coaches and players that will heighten the performance of the Springboks. This includes decision making and finding solutions for the team, coaches and players. We all have the desire to



win and be successful because it brings happiness and, trust me, losing happens in life! Despite this, you must try things, experiment and learn from past mistakes. Trust me on this - take a loss as a learning opportunity

school, showed me direction, taught me respect, empathy for others, class, discipline, the will to succeed and, very importantly, created the opportunity for me to succeed. This is why we need to continue to uplift and work

there was only one option for me and that was Selborne College. This was confirmed when I made the U14A rugby squad, with Mr. Coetzee, who was the coach and there were additional and early morning training sessions prior to the rugby calendar. Mr. Coetzee gave us all sheets with maps and players of how we were going to play that year. This showed me that I was in business at Selborne College! It's interesting and funny when I realise that this is exactly what I currently do; build maps and plans for the Springboks.

19 and 21 in PE but, after some time, realized that I wasn't going to make it to the next step as a player. When I found a job in the rugby department, this is where I found the EP Kings and I started with them as an assistant analyst. I jumped at this chance as I wanted to continue to be involved in rugby. In 2010, I was working for them for free and went through the 2013 Super Rugby season, after which I became their head analyst for the Currie Cup and for Super Rugby. There were ups and downs during my King's career as well. Sometimes we weren't paid for about 6 months and lived off vouchers from Spar that fans gave us. It wasn't always great at times but, hey, I stuck it out and this built trust and showed my will to make things work during bad times too. In 2017, Alistair Coetzee phoned me and asked if I would like to join the Springboks and this was an absolute no-brainer. This was the moment that changed my mindset as a whole. I didn't have to be a player for the Springboks. I could also make a difference as a management member of the Springboks. Since this time, I have been through some bad times but, luckily enough, I've experienced even more good times with the Springboks. I have learned a lot as an individual, through these ups and downs.

up. Where I stand now is a prime example. I am still learning today, believe it or not. So it's about everyone as a team - players, coaches, individual members of the team, referees. Why? Each person and team member has an identity and personality. Always be open-minded and learn, be open to change and evolve in life. What I've learned from the game of rugby and about life is that if you stand still, you'll be caught out and left behind. If you, however, look for solutions, new ideas, and evolve from what you already have, opportunities will present themselves.

If you have the desire to succeed, you will do anything to make it work. Even though I have 101 caps for the Springboks, every game and every day is a new day or game. We must all start from scratch, in preparation.

In the 2019 and 2023 Rugby World Cups and the British Irish Lion Series, all important games, small margins played the biggest part - things like winning penalties, a breakdown steal (thank you to Malcolm Marx and Kwagga), a kick, a four-minute defence in the final in 2019, in Tokyo. I think of Cheslin Kolbie, chasing down the conversion. Do you remember that game against France? In a semi-final when Rassie asked us in the 60th minute... but let me tell a little story about that. Obviously, we were losing and we were already struggling to get into the game because England were playing pretty much our tactics and Rassie turned to us and said that were either going to lose the game, or we were going to make a decision right at that moment, so we all got together and we came up with solutions!

I don't know if you all remember the game that ended 57 - 0 in New Zealand, in Albany? Well, I remember it very well. I sat in the coach's box and cried. I also remember losing in Ireland, with a record score as well! Friends and family used to message and phone to say that we, as the support staff for the Springboks, were useless and should get fired, but my time at Selborne College taught me never to give up. People fail at times, but, as Sebornians, we have been taught to push harder and never give

There are many examples that I can refer to, but I'm going to leave it there for now. It comes down

“... make peace with the fact that you have experienced something that has broadened your knowledge ...”



and make peace with the fact that you have experienced something that has broadened your knowledge, then go again! I hope that this explanation, therefore, narrows down the definition of a sport's analyst a bit.

When I consider Selborne College, I remember how it was the school that I wanted to attend, from a young age. Looking back now, I can tell you that having been a pupil of this

hard to set an example of what Selborne College is all about. As a young boy, in Stirling Primary School, my parents and I used to drive past the College to witness the events and the magnitude of the derby games that were played, and it felt like a provincial game, where the whole town came to a standstill to watch Selborne College play! I received bursaries to other schools, but

In 2006, I played for the first team as a fly half and we had great players and coaches. Mr. Norman was my first team coach. An example that stood out for me in my younger days, which I still talk about, is that my mom woke me up at 8 pm. during one particular week night, when I had skipped a run. I had wanted to go to bed early, not do another running session, but she forced me to run in the dark! My parents certainly guided me and supported me - we need to stand together to do whatever it takes to succeed. Life does not stand still. Obviously, at school, everyone thinks that you're going to continue playing after school as someone who wants to be a Springbok rugby player. After school, I played at NMU and played EP rugby under



to what you are willing to do, to make a difference as a player. It is about you, as an individual. Whatever it is that makes you tick, the sacrifices you make in life, will determine what your life will turn out to be and the level of success that you will achieve.. Matrics - leave Selborne with happiness and work hard to make a difference. Set goals, step by step, that are reachable.

To the rest of the school, take the learnings, lessons and the experiences that you have gained this year, through classwork, or on or off the field, and apply the lessons learned, to next year - so that you start the year with confidence in 2026.

Thank you.




Prize Winners' LIST

2025



Grade 8 Prize Winners



Grade 9 Prize Winners



Grade 10 Prize Winners

- Prize for 8th in Grade 8
..... Connor McIntyre
- Prize for 7th in Grade 8
..... Tejas Vinoth Kumar
- Prize for 6th in Grade 8
..... Pranay Keshaw
- Prize for 5th in Grade 8
..... Reese Buret
- Prize for Life Orientation, Prize for Natural Sciences & Prize for 4th in Grade 8
..... Daniel Smith
- Alexander Clarke Memorial Prize for English Home Language, Len Muller Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language & Prize for 3rd in Grade 8
..... Tiago Do Rego
- Prize for Economic and Management Sciences, Ken Carlson Prize for Social Sciences & Prize for 2nd in Grade 8
..... Ross Cockcroft
- Prize for Creative Arts, Prize for Mathematics & Prize for 1st in Grade 8
..... Reece Earl

GRADE 9

- George Whittington Prizes for Progress and Diligence
..... Byron Collocott
..... Nevaeh Govind
..... Layt-Hum Prince
- Prize for Life Orientation & George Whittington Prize for Progress and Diligence
..... Jason Minnaar
- Prize for Economic and Management Sciences (shared) & bGeorge Whittington Prize for Progress and Diligence
..... Naye Ketelo
- Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language
..... Alvin Sajan
- Prize for Mathematics
..... Riley Owen
- Prize for Most Promising Pianist
..... Samuel Chang
- Prize for Economic and Management Sciences (shared) & Prize for 8th in Grade 9
..... Oluthando Gcanga
- Prize for 7th in Grade 9
..... Deshay Naidoo
- Prize for 6th in Grade 9
..... Alex Petersen
- Prize for 5th in Grade 9
..... Mosa Chiverevere
- Prize for Creative Arts & Prize for 4th in Grade 9
..... Kayembe Kalonji Mpinga
- Prize for IsiXhosa First Additional Language, Prize for Social Sciences & Prize for 3rd in Grade 9
..... Lihlombe Moni

MINIATURE KEY TO NEW CUSTODIAN

..... Aaron James

GEORGE CHAMBERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

..... Chigozie Ifenatuora

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Foundation Trust Scholarships
..... Mila George
..... Mshengu Mzendana
- Quenera Distributing Scholarships
..... Ryan Crony
..... Kungawe Liwani
..... Kudiwa Marimo
..... Simon Smallie
- Rowan Gormley Bursary
..... Yolowethu Tshabe
- Allan Gray Orbis Scholarships
..... Lwandle Netshilaphal
..... Indiphile Sigcu

- Willie Pietersen Scholarship
..... Travis Hayward

CREWE SCHOLARSHIPS

..... Callum Cunliff
..... Thaheer Jaram
..... Keane Lai Wing
..... Mandrè Strydom
..... Brett Tyler

GRADE 8

- Mervyn Muller Prizes for Diligence
..... Ezra Dyers
..... Liam Fourie
..... James Scott
..... Dean van Huyssteen
- Mervyn Muller Prize for Diligence & Prize for Technology
..... Hugo Maceba
- Prize for IsiXhosa First Additional Language
..... Ayabulela Sovasi

- Prize for Economic and Management Sciences (shared), Prize for Natural Sciences & Prize for 2nd in Grade 9
.....Ali Ghazi
- Geoffrey Zimmerman Prize for English Home Language, Prize for Technology & Prize for 1st in Grade 9
.....Ngcali Dekeda

GRADE 10

- Wylde Brothers Prizes for Progress and Diligence
..... Joshua Edwards
.....Riley Hansel
..... Aluve Melane
..... Sazi Silwana
- Prize for Mathematical Literacy & Wylde Brothers Prize for Progress and Diligence
..... Jordan Bauer
- Prize for Business Studies
..... Tyde Scheepers
- Prize for Computer Applications Technology
..... Roshan Robymon
- Prize for Engineering, Graphics and Design
..... Michael Miller
- Prize for IsiXhosa First Additional Language
..... Othandwayo Magadla
- Prize for Information Technology
..... Matthew Volker
- Prize for Music.....Blake Abrams
- Prize for Most Promising Brass Playe
..... Linamandla Manana
- Prize for Most Promising Vocalist
.....Liyabukwa Zondi
- Honours Award for Golf
..... Benjamin Weber
- Prize for 8th in Grade 10
.....Logan Botha
- Prize for 7th in Grade 10
.....Jaice Kock
- David Teper Memorial Prize for History & Prize for 6th in Grade 10
.....Paul Minnaar
- Prize for 5th in Grade 10
.....Wyl Wright
- Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language & Prize for 4th in Grade 10
..... Liam Viviers
- Martha Harty Memorial Prize for English Home Language & Prize for 3rd in Grade 10
.....William Schaefer
- Prize for Accounting, FJ Champion Prize for Life Science, Prize for Mathematics (shared) & Prize for 2nd in Grade 10
.....Arron Louw
- Prize for Most Promising Percussionist, Prize for Geography, Prize for Life Orientation, Prize for



Grade 11 Prize Winners



Grade 12 Prize Winners



- Mathematics (shared), Tim Harvey Memorial Prize for Physical Science & Prize for 1st in Grade 10
..... Cornè Strydom

GRADE 11

- Karmichael Prizes for Diligence
..... Alister Attwell
..... Joel Fismer
.....Siyolise Sikiti
..... Jediah Thompson
- Karmichael Prize for Diligence & Bobby Cooper Memorial Prize for Accounting (shared)
..... Nikhil Gopakumar
- Bobby Cooper Memorial Prize for Accounting (shared)
..... Jack Green
- Prize for Computer Applications Technology
..... Lyall Nicholson
- J P Benyon Memorial Prize for English Home Language
..... Trevor Ochieng
- Prof McIntyre Memorial Prize for History
..... Aaron James
- Prize for IsiXhosa First Additional Language
..... Bathabile Mdlankomo
- Prize for Music
..... Dominique Keet
- Prize for Visual Arts
..... Sabelo Vuso
- Prize for Most Promising Woodwind Player
..... Nathan Schwegmann
- Honours Award for Squash
..... Wian Fourie
- Prize for 8th in Grade 11
..... Mlevi Mabula
- Prize for 7th in Grade 11
..... Sinelizwi Dlomo
- Prize for Business Studies, Prize for Mathematical Literacy & Prize for 6th in Grade 11
..... Luke Bowman
- Prize for Engineering, Graphics and Design & Prize for 5th in Grade 11
..... Jordan Brent
- Prize for 4th in Grade 11
..... Chase Krüg
- Prize for 3rd in Grade 11
..... Murray Kilian
- Anthony Schewitz Memorial Prize for Geography & Prize for 2nd in Grade 11
.....Ozzie Ewing
- Eddie Bartel Memorial Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language, Prize for Information Technology, Prize for Life Orientation, Dr John Norton Prize for Life Sciences, D S Chambers

- Memorial Prize for Mathematics, Tim Harvey Memorial Prize for Physical Science & Gerald Jaffit Memorial Award for 1st in Grade 11
..... Ethan Santos

GRADE 12

- Palma Virtuti Awards
.....Matthew Beän
..... Samora-Machel Bushet
..... Robert John-Osunkwo
..... Njongo Mbanga
..... Oliver Schmidt
..... Aaron Senekal
..... Zandrè September
..... Liso Somana
..... Samuel van de Venter
..... Gray van Heerden
..... Armand van Rooyen
..... Reece Wait
..... Chad Weimann
..... Kwakhanya Xuma
..... Levile Zulu
- Helman Prize for Diligence
.....Brynn Raubenheimer
- Helman Prize for Diligence & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
..... Landen Botha
- Helman Prize for Diligence & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
..... Luke Tyler
- Palma Virtuti Award & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
.....Blaine Gregory
- Palma Virtuti Award, Honours Award for Water Polo & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
..... Liam Hansen
- Honours Awards for Academic Achievement
..... Matthew Hartwig
..... Avuyile Sokujika
..... Madhav Susanth Nair
..... Mahadev Susanth Nair
- Prize for IsiXhosa First Additional Language
.....Linamandla Ndamase
- Prize for Mathematical Literacy
..... Caleb Heath
- Prize for Visual Arts & Palma Virtuti Award
..... Mbongeni Wolela
- Helman Prize for Diligence, Palma Virtuti Award & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
..... Benjamin Arnold
- Helman Prize for Diligence, Palma Virtuti Award & Honours Award for Academic Achievement
..... Connor Maree
- Prize for Computer Applications Technology, Honours Award for Squash, Honours Award for

- Academic Achievement
..... Jody Emslie
- Honours Award for Athletics
..... Luvo Xokiyana
- Junior South African Colours for Biathle
..... Luke Tinhof
- Honours Award for Drama
..... Abdul-Qadir Marais
- Mus Prize for Music, Prize for Music & Honours Award for Drama
..... Ronald Theron
- Prize for General Knowledge, Prize for Business Studies, Arno van der Westhuizen Trophy for Engineering, Graphics and Design, Prize for Bilingualism in English and Afrikaans, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Prize for 8th in Grade 12
..... Joel Veleekizhakethil Joseph
- Palma Virtuti Award, Honours Award for Water Polo, TM McFarlane Prize for Accounting, Grace Floyd Memorial Prize for Geography, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Prize for 7th in Grade 12
..... Thomas Caswell
- Palma Virtuti Award, Prize for Bilingualism in English and IsiXhosa, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Prize for 6th in Grade 12
..... Vuselela Sikiti
- Charles Prior Memorial Prize for Mathematics, W J Wren Prize for Physical Science, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Prize for 5th in Grade 12
..... Brett Tyler
- Trevor Webster Prize for English Home Language, Prize for Life Orientation, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Prize for 4th in Grade 12
..... Mandrè Strydom
- John Perry Prize for History, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & B and EJ Lanz Prize for 3rd in Grade 12
..... Thaheer Jaram
- George Smith Prize for Afrikaans First Additional Language, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & George Floyd Memorial Prize for 2nd in Grade 12
..... Keane Lai Wing
- Prize for Information Technology, Jay Midlane Prize for Life Sciences, Honours Award for Academic Achievement & Centenary Prize for 1st in Grade 12
..... Callum Cunliff

SPECIAL AWARDS

- Roy Abramowitz Trophy for Inter-House Competition
..... Crewe House
- The Alistair Barnes Prize for Curiosity and Tenacity capped by Enthusiasm
..... Sazi Silwana
- Kowarski Award for Outstanding Contribution by a Selbornian of One Year's Standing
..... Edward Malinzi
- Clyde Broster Prize for Achievement in Grade 11
..... Hephzibah Qutywa
- The Kevin Petzer and Badresh Kika Awards for Friendliness, Enthusiasm and Helpfulness
..... Zandrè September
- Allistar Milne Memorial Prize for Perseverance
..... Kean Meyer
- The Neil Emslie Prize for Dramatics
..... Ronald Theron
- The Paxton/Attree Music Award
..... Liyabukwa Zondi
- Nathan and Kim Carr Prize for Community Enrichment
..... Daniel Swanepoel
- Laird King Prize for a Loyal and Passionate Selbornian
..... Connor Jacoby
- The Peter Coetzee Prize for Enthusiasm and Consistent Achievement in History
..... Blaine Gregory
- David Lazarus Trophy for Cultural Activity
..... Rael Govind
- The Abe Kaplan Prize for Outstanding Original Work
..... Ronald Theron
- Headmaster's Award for Original Composition
..... Mandrè Strydom
- The John Stonier Prizes for Academic Enrichment
..... Joel Veleekizhakethil Joseph
- David and Janet Bands Prize for Service to Sport
..... Kean Meyer
- The Toys Norton Sword of Honour: Old Guard Commander
..... Karrick Horrmann
- The Toys Norton Sword of Honour: Parade Commander
..... Uviwe Jikwana
- The Colonel A.J. Harvey Sword: Parade Commander
..... Njongo Mbanga
- The Lieutenant Henry Niit Memorial Sword for A-Company
..... Liso Somana



Mr Breytenbach – Service Award



Mr Chandler – Service Award



Mr Miles – Service Award

- The Tomorrow's Mathematician Award
..... Brett Tyler
- The Anna O'Connor Trophy for the most outstanding Cultural Achievement
..... Ronald Theron
- The Anthony Abdo Memorial Prize for Sports Leadership
..... Liam Hansen
- Bruce Chartered Accountants Trophy for Progress in Sport
..... Samuel Jacobsen
- Stan Lones Memorial Prize for Service to the School
..... Zandrè September
- Alan Barker Prize for Excellence in Academics and Sport
..... Thomas Caswell
- Julius Kaffel Memorial Prize for Sportsmanship in the Truest Sense of the Word
..... Samuel Van De Venter
- Giuliano Ventresca Cup for Good Fellowship
..... Liam Hansen
- The Forword Brothers Prize for the Senior All-Round Sportsman of the Year
..... Thomas Caswell
- The Phillips Cup for Sportsman of the Year
..... Luvo Xokiyana
- Ron Armist Leadership Prize
..... Liam Hansen
- Esmé Cooper Medal and Samuel Blumenthal Memorial Prize for DUX of the School
..... Callum Cunliff

SOME OF THE PRIZES

- **MINIATURE KEY:** On Founders' Day each year, a Key is passed from old to new Custodian, symbolising all that is good in the traditions and values upheld by the College. A miniature of this key is presented to the new Custodian at Prize Giving each year.
- **THE GERALD JAFFIT PRIZE:** Gerald Jaffit was an Old Boy, a brilliant student and Dux of the school, who died tragically a few years after leaving Selborne. The Gerald Jaffit Prize goes to the boy placed first in Grade 11.
- **BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS (PRE 2008):** In recent years, generous benefactors have made funds available to the school for Bursaries and Scholarships. These were awarded after previous Prize Givings and therefore did not receive acknowledgement at those occasions. We acknowledge the following with thanks: Riverleigh Properties Scholarship and Reeves Insurance Brokers Bursary.
- **THE CREWE SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Crewe Trust, founded by Sir Charles Crewe, presents in Grade

12 each year.


- **PRIZES NAMED AFTER PAST HEADMASTERS:** Five past Headmasters have each had a prize endowed in their names, recognizing one of their special areas of interest, viz. Dr Rattray, 1st in Grade 12, Mr Floyd (Second in Grade 12), and his wife, Grace (Geography), Mr Perry (History), Mr Barker (Excellence at Work and Sport) and Mr Stonier (Academic Enrichment).
- **PRIZES NAMED AFTER PAST SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Several past School Committee members have prizes endowed in their names: among them are Mervyn Muller (Diligence) and Leo Hellman (Diligence).
- **PRIZES NAMED AFTER PAST STAFF MEMBERS:** Down the years, many staff members have left their mark in a particular subject area of school life, and amongst those recognised by having prizes named after them are Alexander Clarke (retired 1932), 'Tinkie' Wren (1940), A H Mackay (1947), Colonel 'Tim' Harvey (1953), George Smith (1961), Eddie Bartel (1962), Charles Prior (1963), 'Champ' Champion (1964), Jack Benyon (1969), 'Len' Muller (1971), Trevor Webster (1976), Ken Carlson (1978), Arno van der Westhuizen (1981), Esmé Cooper (1981), Neil Emslie (1983) and 'Jay' Midlane (2009).
- **PRIZES NAMED AFTER OLD SELBORNIAIS:** Several Old Boys have had their own special interests recognised through prizes endowed in their names. Among them are Bobby Cooper (died 1975 - Accounting), Dr John Norton (1987 - Life Science), Prof Ken McIntyre (blinded, but became professor of History at Natal University - History), Roy Abramowitz (overall winners of interhouse activity) and the Wylde Brothers (diligence).
- **ALLISTAIR MILNE AWARD:** This trophy was presented by Neil and Pam Emslie in memory of a Selbornian who showed great courage and determination in the face of bone cancer. He eventually died of the disease while only in Grade 10 at Selborne, but his heroic battle was an inspiration to all.
- **ALISTAIR BARNES PRIZE:** Alistair Barnes (Old Boy 1964), who, after a successful career in the corporate world, 'retired' to pursue his passion for sculpting. He has made his name nationally as an outstanding artist, working mainly in bronze. He has presented the school with the magnificent 'Meerkat Trophy' to be awarded to a Selbornian in Grade 10 who shows curiosity, tenacity and unbridled enthusiasm in all that he does.
- **THE BRIAN AND EJ LANZ PRIZE:** Donated by Old Boys Brian Lanz (1971) and his son Ernest John (2004) to go to the third place in matric, a position filled by both father and son in their final years at Selborne.



- **THE GEOFFREY ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH:** Geoffrey was a Grade 9 boy who was tragically killed by a shark off Nahoon Beach in 1961, despite heroic attempts by two of his friends to save him. English was his favourite subject.
- **DAVID TEPER MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY:** David Teper matriculated at Selborne College in 1987. He excelled in the academic sphere, with History being his particular love. He represented the College in various History Olympiads and quizzes. Even while studying law at university, he maintained a keen interest in History. David was tragically killed in a car accident in 1994 and this prize was endowed in his memory by his parents.
- **DAVID LAZARUS TROPHY FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITY:** One of Selborne's most illustrious old boys, David Lazarus, had a particular interest in public service, oratory skills and other cultural activities. The prize was endowed by his family.
- **ANTHONY ABDO MEMORIAL PRIZE:** Anthony Abdo, son of a former School Committee Chairman, died in a motor accident while a Grade 11 pupil at Selborne. He was a popular leader on the sports field, having captained various rugby and water polo sides in the school.
- **THE CD LOWNDS MEMORIAL AWARD:** In memory of Old Selbornian CD Lownds, who was a keen cricketer and who played for Old Boys and Border: He died comparatively young, in the early 1960s.
- **ABE KAPLAN PRIZE:** Abe Kaplan was a distinguished Old Selbornian and East Londoner, as well as Chairman of the Selborne College Trust. This prize is awarded to a pupil for outstanding research or original work produced during the year.
- **GEORGE CHAMBERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** This prize, in memory of Old Selbornian George Chambers, goes to the Selborne boy who produces the best results in the Senior Certificate examination; it is obviously awarded in the year following the achievement.
- **THE JULIUS (MIKE) KAFFEL AWARD:** Julius Kaffel passed away soon after leaving school in the late 1940s. The prize is awarded for sportsmanship in the truest sense.
- **KOWARSKI AWARD:** Some pupils, even in their first year at a new school, make a very worthwhile contribution to school life, and this award recognises such achievement.
- **GUILIANO VENTRESCA CUPS (JUNIOR AND SENIOR):** These awards, given in recognition for helpfulness, friendliness, openness, etc (those attributes most completely summed up in the concept of Fellowship), are endowed by Guiliano Ventresca, who matriculated in 1985 and received the Fellowship Award in that year.
- **THE CLYDE BROSTER PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN GRADE 11:** This prize is awarded to a Grade 11 boy who makes particularly good use of all the opportunities that Selborne College offers. Clyde Broster was a respected English teacher in the late 1960s and early 1970s.
- **STAN LONES MEMORIAL PRIZE:** This award recognises an outstanding contribution in the sphere of selfless service to the school and its community. Stan Lones served the Selborne Trust selflessly as Secretary and Treasurer up to the time of his death.
- **PALMA VIRTUTI AWARD:** The Palma Virtuti Award is made to senior pupils, and under exceptional circumstances to adults, for particularly meritorious service to the school over an extended period of time, and for activity beyond the call of duty.
- **RON ARMIST LEADERSHIP PRIZE:** Ron Armist was himself Custodian of the Key and Headboy in 1971. He is recognised as one of the outstanding pupil leaders that the school has had. He was a prominent investment banker based in London. The prize is awarded each year to a Selbornian who displays outstanding leadership ability.
- **KEVIN PETZER AND BADRESH KIKA AWARD:** Kevin Petzer and Badresh Kika were two members of the matric class of 1997 who died tragically within one year of each other. Both were very different people, but had one thing in common - an enthusiasm for life. They showed an ability to make friends and an ever-present willingness to help. The Kevin Petzer and Badresh Kika Memorial Award is presented to a matric boy whose friendliness, enthusiasm and helpfulness outshine his personal achievements.
- **PHILLIPS CUP FOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** This prize is awarded to the pupil who attains the best sporting achievement of the year.
- **BRUCE CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS TROPHY FOR PROGRESS IN SPORT:** This trophy, donated by Bruce Chartered Accountants, is awarded to a Selbornian who displays the most progress in a particular sport in one season.
- **FORWORD BROTHERS PRIZE FOR THE SENIOR ALL-ROUND SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR:** This prize was donated by the Forword

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Prefect INDUCTION Ceremony



2025 PREFECTS

Front Row: L Ndamase, L Hansen (Head Prefect), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mr A Van Rooyen (Vice-Prefect), V Siki
Middle Row: K Xuma, O Schmidt, S Bushet, G Van Heerden, S van de Venter, L Somana, B Arnold, B Gregory, A Senekal
Back Row: R John-Usunkwo, C Weimann, T Caswell, M Beän, C Maree, N Mbanga, R Wair



Norton House PREFECTS

Back Row: T Makuti, Q Mhlambiso, Thokoza Madala
Front Row: Mr A Miles (Superintendent), Mbongeni Wolela and Mr A Dewar (Headmaster)



brothers, Ian, Graham and Roy, who are all past pupils and have all served on the staff at Selborne College.

- **DAVE AND JANET BANDS AWARD FOR SERVICE TO SPORT:** Dave Bands is a very keen sportsman and served sport tirelessly in his long tenure as a staff member. This prize serves to honour those pupils who selflessly help their fellows by coaching, refereeing, umpiring, scoring, assisting with First Aid, etc.
- **NATHAN AND KIM CARR PRIZE FOR COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT:** Donated by Nathan Carr, an Old Selbornian (1992) and his wife Kim Carr, a former member of staff, to encourage a spirit of selflessness.
- **THE PAXTON/ATTREE PRIZE:** Is for a non-subject Music pupil who is very involved in the life of the Music department.
- **TOMORROW'S MATHEMATICIAN AWARD:** Adrian Baskir initiated and funded this prize with the object of rewarding boys who demonstrate the ability to apply mathematical principles. Mr Baskir was himself a highly able Mathematician when at Selborne (Matric 1981). After school, he qualified and practised as an Actuary and

served as the president of the Actuarial Society of South Africa.

- **TOYS NORTON SWORD OF HONOUR:** Named after Old Selbornian recipient of the Victoria Cross for exceptional gallantry during World War II.
- **COLONEL A.J. HARVEY SWORD:** Named after Colonel Harvey for many years, the Officer Commanding the Selborne College Cadet Corps and creator of the modern Ceremony of the Key parade.
- **ANNA O'CONNOR TROPHY:** Long-serving Afrikaans teacher who was passionate about the Cultural side of school life, which she co-ordinated for many years. Also directed successful Dramatic Productions – District Six (2004); Carnival (2007).
- **THE PIETERSEN SCHOLARSHIP:** This scholarship has come about as a result of the generosity of Old Selbornian Professor William Pietersen (1955). Prof Pietersen has spent most of his working life in the USA, where he is a highly regarded academic at Columbia University in New York and a renowned business consultant.

The Pledge



MR DEWAR

Welcomes all



MR MILES

Hostel Superintendent



HEADBOY

Swearing the Oath



MR SPARG

Doing the Prayers



MR VIVIERS

Reading the Scripture



Colour RUN





Celebrating our MATRICS

Zander Büchner



Matric DANCE Committee

Teachers-in-Charge: Ms K. Odhav and Mrs A. Theron
 Committee: Zander Büchner (Chairman); Aaron James; Bukhosi Mdena; Carter Stewart; Hephzibah Qutywa; Joshua Lentz; Khazimla Qavile; Kwatita Jaceni; Lesedi Motabene; Likhanyile Mampunye; Lwandle Bacela; Lwando Gwaza; Murray Killian; Ngwako Moshakga; Owami Nkatu; Rael Govind; Reid de Coning; Sixolise Tutani.

This year's Matric Farewell, held on 7 March 2025, was truly unforgettable! With the theme, 'A Night Under the Stars', we created an atmosphere of elegance and excitement. With the assistance, dedication and planning of Ms Odhav and Mrs Theron, the committee made the evening really special for the Matric Class of 2025. From the very first meeting, we knew that planning an event of this size would require commitment, creativity and teamwork. Meeting once a week, we discussed ideas, made decisions and



HEADBOY

Opening the dance

worked hard to keep the theme a secret. Each part of the night - from the décor to the food - was carefully planned, with everyone putting in their share of the work.

The day before the farewell, our committee rolled up their sleeves and got to work setting up the venue. It was a long day, but filled with laughter and teamwork.






From arranging tables to finalising the finer details, we saw just how much can be achieved when everyone works together. The Matrics looked amazing in their formal attire and, while they were being perfect gentlemen to their stunning partners, our job was to ensure everything ran smoothly behind the scenes. Serving, helping, and keeping things on track weren't always easy, but knowing that the Matrics were creating more memories and having a great time made it all worth it.



It was rewarding to receive positive feedback and see the smiles, hear the laughter and watch our seniors enjoy one of the most important nights of their school careers. Along the way, we learned valuable skills - not only about planning and organising, but also about what it means to lead, to support one another and to share in the joy of creating lasting memories for others. We are proud of what we achieved together, and are grateful for the opportunity to serve our school in this way. The 2025 Matric Farewell was not only a celebration for the Grade 12 Class, but also an unforgettable experience for us as a committee, and a reminder that the best results come when we work as a team.

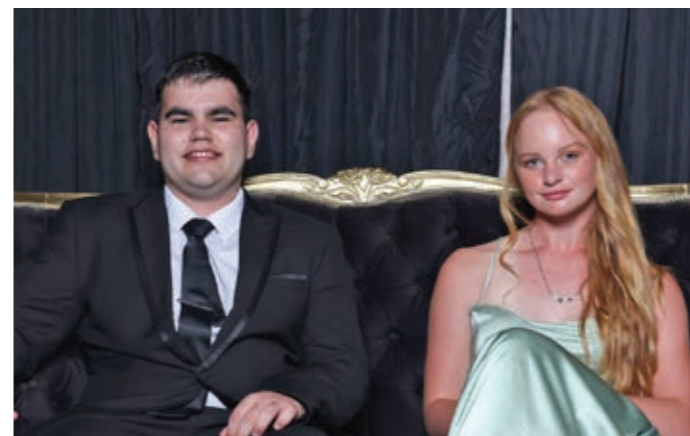
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2025 VALEDICTORY Ceremony

Headmaster's ADDRESS

Mr A Dewar



"Being a Good Man"

Good morning, staff, parents, Mr K. Chetty (OSA President) and most importantly our remarkable Class of 2025.

Today is a special moment! We celebrate the end of one chapter and the beginning of another. You have worked hard, persevered through exams, early mornings, and late-night study sessions. But as you step out into the world, there is one question I would like you to think about:

What does it mean to be a good man?

My address today was inspired by our past Custodian of 2005 – Caylum Coetzee who encouraged our Old Boys to raise good men –

amidst the craziness of our world as we know it, with the pressures of Social Media, Dishonesty, Technology and Mental Health.

I will start with telling you a story.

There was once a young man walking home when he saw an old woman struggling with her groceries. He hesitated — he was tired, and his friends were waiting. But something made him stop. He carried her bags all the way to her house. When they reached her gate, she smiled and said, "You remind me of my late husband. He was a good man — not because he was perfect, but because he showed up when it mattered."

That young man never forgot those words. Years later, when he became a teacher, a husband, a father, a friend, he remembered — being a good man is not about status, looks, or wealth. It is about character!

Boys, as you leave Selborne College, remember this: Being a good man does not mean

being the loudest in the room. It means being the one who listens. It does not mean winning every argument. It means choosing kindness over pride.

It does not mean never falling. It means getting up — and helping someone else up too.

And no. 4 – Be a man of faith - Trust that God has a plan, even when you can't see the full picture - Pray before you panic and work hard, but also rest knowing that God rewards diligence and faithfulness.

The world will often tell you that being a man is about strength or success. But true strength lies in gentleness and Faith. True courage lies in honesty. True success lies in how you treat others — when no one is watching.

You have grown up in a time that needs good men more than ever — men who are respectful, humble, and dependable.

Men who know that leadership is service, that power is responsibility, and that love is not weakness, but wisdom.



So as you walk out of these gates for the last time, remember this simple truth: The world does not just need clever men — it needs good men.

And being a good man begins not with what you achieve, but with who you choose to be.

THAT'S the kind of man the world needs!

Congratulations, Class of 2025. Go out there — and be good men - Thank you

2025 VALEDICTORY Ceremony

Head Boy's ADDRESS

Liam Hansen



days when the blazers hung a little big on our shoulders, and we still got lost on our way to class. For most of us, the journey began at Selborne Pups, for some in Grade 8 or 9, and for others only in Grade 10 or 11. But no matter when you joined, one thing was always certain — that you were now part of something much bigger than yourself - A brotherhood: that invisible thread that tied us together through victories and losses, laughter and tears, detentions and triumphs. Like Kwindla, who proved that the MD dance doesn't need choreography when you are the choreography — the MVP who absolutely stole the show. Then there's Jinan, our TikTok sensation — if charisma could be graded, you'd be a distinction student. And of course, Bean, whose passion for food became

It's moments like this that reminded us that being part of this brotherhood means bringing your own kind of magic to the table.

For me personally, the journey began in Grade 9 — Day 1 of being a so-called "Selbornian," unsure of what the future had in store. But Day 2? Adopted. Accepted. Instantly part of this family. That's the thing about this grade — they don't let anyone stand alone. We became a brotherhood built on Respect — for ourselves, for each other and for the legacy we uphold; Honour — in how we carry ourselves on the field, in the classroom and in life in general; and Integrity — in doing what is right, even when no one is watching.

We've definitely had our ups and

“ There are moments in life that define who we are — not because of the place we stand in, but because of the people who stood beside us. Brotherhood isn't about who you have known the longest; it is about those who walked with you through every challenge, every laugh, every victory, and never once let you walk alone.”

Good morning, Mr Dewar, staff, parents, guardians, Selbornians, and most importantly, my fellow matriculants — the Class of 2025.

It's surreal standing here, realising that this is it — our final chapter together as the class of 2025. The moment we've dreamt about since those early



legendary. If the tuckshop was a subject, Bean would've been our Dux scholar!

downs, with Joel's least favourite subject sadly becoming LO, and some hilarious moments in

between too. Like Robert, Mr Paxton's "favourite" — mostly because of those amazing

Robert on his way to playing for the Springboks, oh, and not to forget Andon, our very own

stand together when it matters most.

And speaking of courage, Silli showed us exactly what that looks like — standing tall when faced with his own "Robert moments." Brave, bold, and unbothered!

And we certainly can't forget Njongo, who truly deserves a lifetime achievement award for his commitment to flirting with every white guy's girlfriend. And then there's Samora, the undisputed master of the side-eye — always delivered at the worst possible (or best possible) time!

These moments, these characters, these brothers — they are what made our time at Selborne unforgettable.

But as we prepare to leave the College and embark on a new chapter of our lives, I want us to remember three things that will carry us far beyond Selborne College:



“ ... Being part of this brotherhood means bringing your own kind of magic to the table ... ”

sounds during exams. Who knew concentration sounded like that? And then there's Troy, whose loyalty has always been unmatched — not to a team, not to his academics, but to the gym!

Through it all, we've remained one. Known as the grade with "so much potential," and hearing that line on repeat from Mr Sparg since Grade 9. But today, I can confidently say we lived up to it, with Ronald hopefully going onto Hollywood one day, and

Rocky Balboa, turning that last derby against Grey PE into a full-on boxing movie moment — gloves or not, he was unstoppable.

We've learned that success doesn't come easy. Whether it was surviving endless exam weeks, facing pressure on the rugby field, or pulling through late nights preparing for projects, we discovered what it means to have courage and fight for something — and to



Be kind and humble. The world is loud and often cruel, but kindness and humility will always echo louder. Maya Angelou said, "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." Carry that with you. Be the reason someone feels seen, not small.

Make good choices. Not everything will be easy, and not every path will be straight. But every decision defines you. And when you make a mistake — own it. Accountability is the measure of a man.

Take responsibility for your life. No one can do it for you. Stand



tall, seize opportunities, be honest with yourself, and never blame others for the path you choose.

To the Selbornians we now leave behind — remember that this College is defined by those in it, and the Name is upheld because of that. Wear the black and white with pride, because by doing

so, you become a part of something much greater than yourself. Your years at the College will not be defined by accolades or trophies, but by knowing that you stayed true to yourself, gave of your best, touched lives, and made a difference.

Our Class of 2025 can't claim all the glory though, because none of it would have been possible without our teachers, who carried us — often quietly — through this journey. Thank you for your patience, your dedication, and your belief in us. Even when some of us were more focused on building an "All-Time Premier League Team" or debating Madhav and Mahadev's ridiculous footballing takes, you stuck with us.

Special thanks to Mr Sparg — you have been our committed grade head since Grade 9, but more than that, you have been a mentor, a guide, and a friend. You have stood with us through growing pains, teenage chaos, and everything in between. Thank



you for your continued support and belief in us.

To Mr Erasmus, although no longer here at Selborne, you remain a role model to so many of us. Your support and wisdom left a mark that will stay with us for years to come.

To Mr Dewar — thank you for leading this school with vision

in defining Selborne College. And to those who became our second moms — sewing buttons back on, fixing blazers, or offering a quiet word of encouragement when we needed it most — we will not forget these small but powerful acts of love and kindness.

In the words of Henry Brooks Adams: "Teachers affect eternity; no one can tell where

"... Everything we celebrate today is not only because of you, but it is shared with you ..."



and strength, and for always reminding us of what it means to be a Selbornian. Thank you too for guiding me and supporting me throughout my reign as Custodian.

To every teacher, coach, admin and ground staff member — thank you. You've been the backbone of our journey and play a pivotal role

their influence stops." I think this perfectly encapsulates the influence our teachers have had, in all aspects of our lives.

Of course, no journey would have been possible without our parents and guardians — who've witnessed multiple versions of their sons. From the late-night study grinds, supported

by a warm cup of tea, to the passionate post-match lectures about how Dad did it better in his day. And of course, the endless waiting in cars after practices, the packed lunches, and the countless lifts.

And to those who've endured their sons' sudden obsession with "calling a friend" for hours — Carter, we're looking at you.

On behalf of our entire grade — thank you. For every sacrifice, every moment of patience, and every ounce of love you've given us. Everything we celebrate today is not only because of you, but it is shared with you.

And lastly, to my brothers — the Class of 2025. As we prepare to leave these gates, remember: being a Selbornian doesn't end today. It's not just a chapter — it's a lifelong identity. Carry that Selborne spirit into the world. Stand tall. Be brave. Because the world needs men of courage, men of compassion, men of character. And that is who we are.

And when life tests you — and it will — remember, we are our choices. So let's make them count.

Thank you, Selborne College, for shaping us, challenging us, and believing in us. For teaching us that bravery isn't the absence of fear — it's the decision to face it head-on.

And finally, Reece and the Nairs, you can now get "jiggy" in peace.

So, here's to the end of one journey and the beginning of another.

We came as boys — uncertain and hopeful — but we leave as strong, grounded, and proud men of Selborne College.

Palma Virtuti



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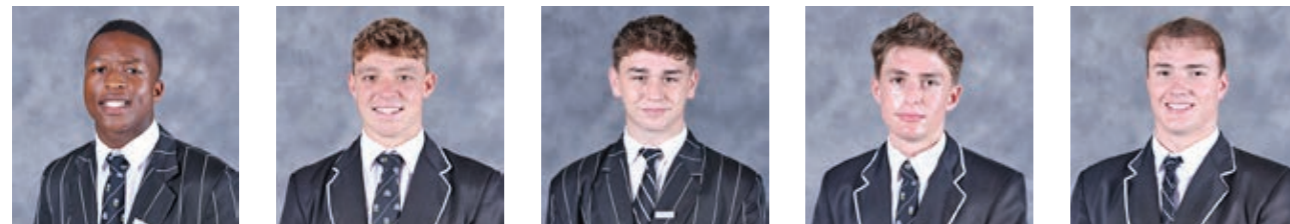
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2025 MATRIC Classes

Grade Twelve Gallery



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Spahle Mbanjwa Grade 12F **Boluncoma Mekuto** Grade 12R **Kean Meyer** Grade 12R **Qiniso Mhlambiso** Grade 12R **James Minnaar** Grade 12P

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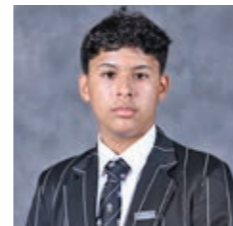
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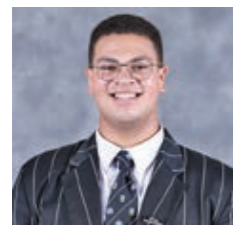
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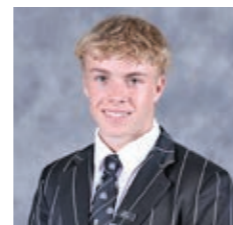
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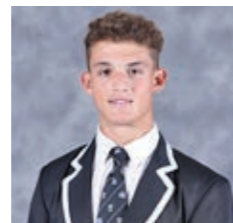
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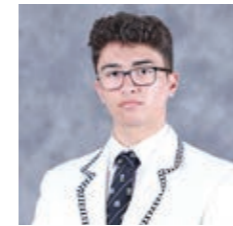
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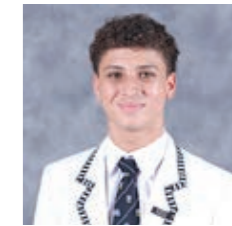
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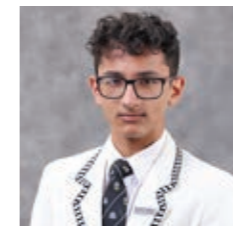
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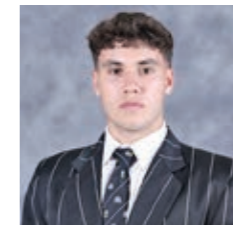
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2025 MATRIC Results

Senior Certificate Examination Results



Pass Rate – 99%
 Bachelor Pass Rate – 77 %
 11 Subjects – 100 % Pass Rate
 Total Subject Distinctions – 135

6 Distinctions



Callum Cunliff

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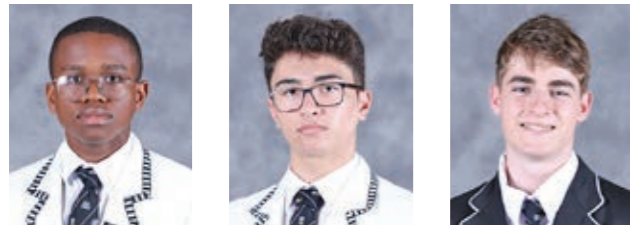
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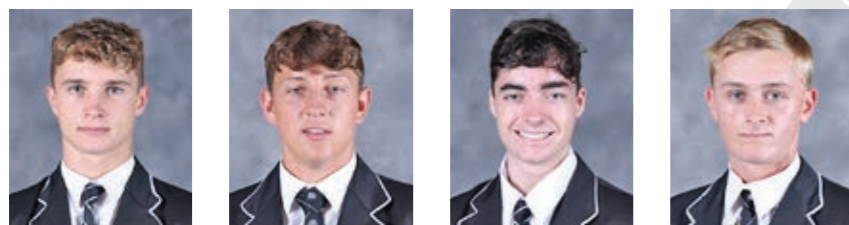


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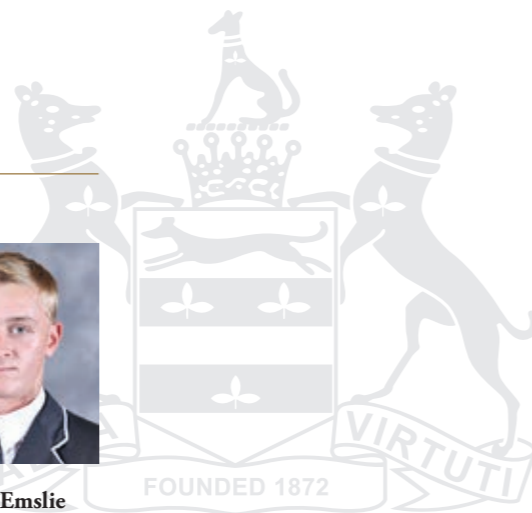
Special Award



INFORMATION *technology*

Brett Tyler

Brett Tyler won the jointly awarded Top Information Technology Trophy in the Buffalo City District for the 2025 NSC Matric Examinations. Brett achieved an outstanding 97% in Information Technology



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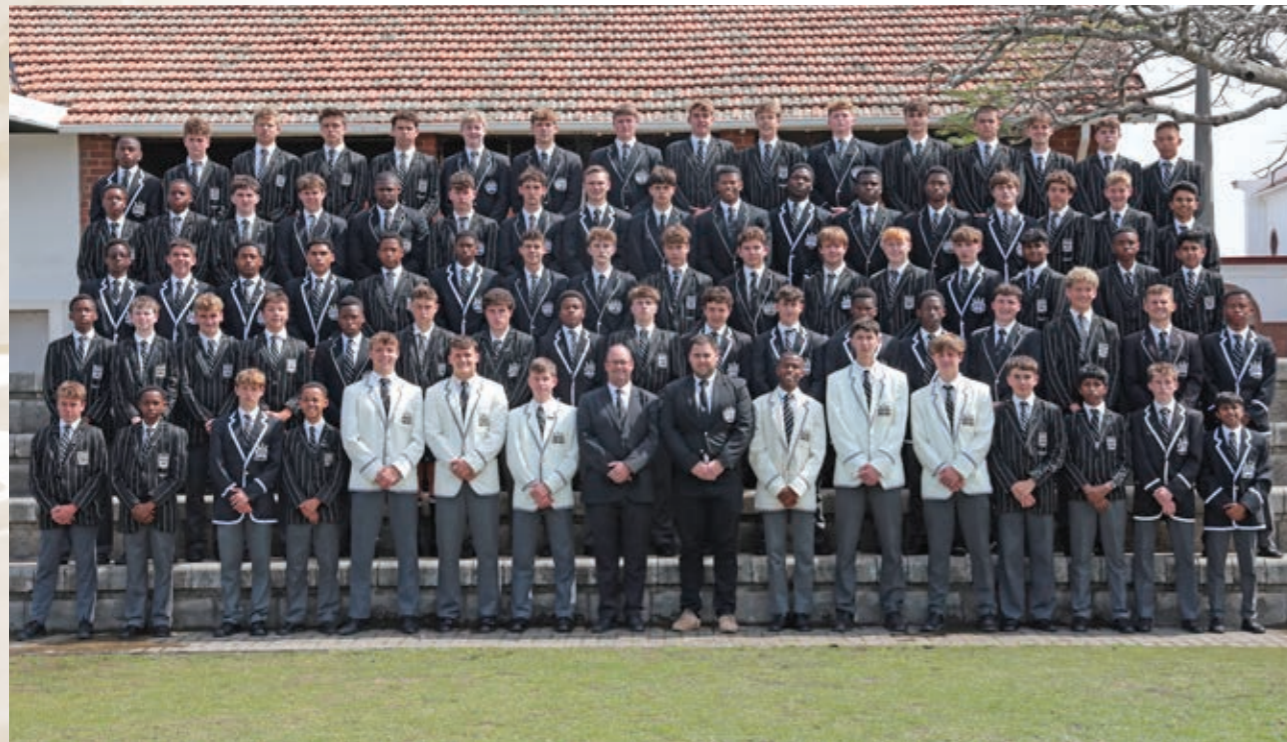


All the Sports ACTION



South African REPRESENTATIVES

Front Row: J Emslie, T Caswell, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), W Fourie, L Hansen
Back Row: S Lukose, E Robb, A Lord, L Xokiyana, D Tarr, T Vinoth Kumar



Border REPRESENTATIVES

Front Row: D Smith, L Sikhosana, J Coetzee, M Bennett, T Caswell, L Hansen, L Tinhof, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mr M Spence (MiC Sport), L Xokiyana, W Fourie, B Weber, N Fox-Gower, S Lukose, S Tinhof, M Keshaw
Second Row: S Sango, R Earl, C McIntyre, R Buret, O Nkatu, M Swanepoel, E van der Berg, L Lwana, B Collins, W Wright, R Drake, I Gxobole, A Melane, O Schmidt, M Goedhals, A Senekal, O Gcanga
Third Row: U Malotana, B Kaschula, S Adonis, A Van der Westhuizen, Q Ngxazisa, A Manyonga, A Louw, C Horrmann, W Schaefer, G Van Heerden, A Jakobi, R Rasmussen, B Snyman, Y Govender, B Madia, A Cyriac
Fourth Row: L Matyolo, I Potwana, C Hume, M Hendry, R John-Osunkwo, R Cook, E Groenewald, C Weimann, R Wait, N Mbanga, Z Marara, S Addam, S Kweba, A de Lange, R Owen, T Wessels, T Vinoth Kumar
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2025 ATHLETICS Season

Master-in-Charge's Report



Master-in-Charge:
Mr T Stellenberg

Coaches:
Mr Stellenberg, Mr Mona, Mr Breytenbach, Mr Sandford, Mr Boshoff, Mr Deere, Mr Ndlovu, Mr Grant, Mr Gumunyu and Mr Ramsay.

South African ATHLETICS Champs

Seated: Mr T Stellenberg (MiC), L Xokiyana, J Cronje, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster)



Eastern Cape ATHLETICS Champs

Front Row: Mr C Breytenbach (Coach), L Xokiyana, Mr T Stellenberg (MiC), Z Badli, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster)
Middle Row: S Msweli, D Olabode, S Dyantyi, H Maceba, J Cronje
Back Row: P de Beer, N Davis, J Vickers

The 2025 athletics season at Selborne College has been a year of growth, commitment, and exceptional performances across all age groups. Our athletes once again demonstrated the true Selbornian spirit, one of discipline, perseverance, and pride, both on and off the field.

The athletics year began with the EL City Schools East Athletics Meeting, hosted by Cambridge High School on 1 February. This event provided an excellent platform for our athletes to gauge their form early in the season, and the results were highly encouraging. Across all age groups, Selborne athletes claimed numerous podium finishes. Notable performances came from Luvo Xokiyana, who secured victories in the Long Jump, High Jump, and Triple Jump; Luke Tinhof, who won the 5000m; and Jude Vickers, who dominated the U15 sprints with wins in both the 100m and 200m. The depth of talent was evident across the team, with strong contributions from all age groups.

Following the Buffalo City trials, several Selbornians earned

selection to represent the region at the Eastern Cape Athletics Championships, held in Queenstown from 13–15 March. Once again, our athletes rose to the occasion. Luvo Xokiyana continued his fine form, winning the U19 Triple Jump with a leap of 14.24m. Jonathan Cronje claimed first place in the U17 High Jump (1.88m), while Zuko Badli secured a well-earned third place in the U19 400m Final. These achievements reflect the dedication of our boys and the strength of our athletics programme.



BCM ATHLETICS Champs

Front Row: L Kosani, Mr Ndlovu (Coach), Mr T Stellenberg (MiC), C Weimann (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mr D Deere (Coach), D Olabode
Second Row: L Xokiyana, Z Badli, C Keet, T Booï, S Somabela, S Mswelo, J Vickers
Third Row: J Cronje, A de Lange, S Bushet, S Dyantyi, H Maceba
Back Row: B Mekuto, K Horrmann, N Davis, P De Beer



East London East ATHLETICS Champs

Front Row: Mr B Mona (Coach), Mr C Breytenbach (Coach), Mr T Stellenberg (MiC), C Weimann (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mr D Deere (Coach), Mr G Ndlovu (Coach)
Second Row: M Keshaw, K Muzenda, L Ntamo, S Msweli, L Mhlaba, S Tinhof, L Kosani
Third Row: L Tinhof, A Melane, Z Badli, K Keet, T Booï, L Somhela, K Xuma, A Skinya, D Olabode
Fourth Row: O Magadle, L Xokiyana, J Cronje, A de Lange, S Bushet, M Killian, S Dyantyi, H Maceba
Back Row: B Wilken, L Peter, B Mekuto, K Horrmann, D Rushmere, A Ndzundzu, N Davis, P de Beer, J Vickers

The highlight of our season came at the South African Athletics Championships, held in Bloemfontein in April, where Luvo Xokiyana was crowned National Champion in the Triple Jump. His gold medal performance brought great pride to the College and stands as a testament to years of hard work and consistency.

Our annual Interhouse Athletics Meeting, held on 20 August, once again proved to be a vibrant and spirited event. The competition between the five houses — Crewe, Rees, Perry, Fuller, and Malcolmess was fierce, but it was Crewe House who ultimately claimed the trophy for 2025. A special mention must go to Luvo Xokiyana, who broke the long-standing U19 Triple Jump record, previously set by K. Mtoba in 2014. Luvo's new record of 14.39m was one of the day's many highlights and demonstrated the continued



EL Zoning ATHLETICS meeting

Front Row: Mr B Mona (Coach), Mr C Breytenbach (Coach), Mr T Stellenberg (MiC), C Weimann, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Mr G Ndlovu (Coach), Mr D Deere (Coach)
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Third Row: O Magadle, L Xokiyana, J Cronje, A de Lange, S Bushet, S Dyantyi, H Maceba, J Vickers
Back Row: B Meketu, L Peter, K Horrmann, A Ndzundzu, N Davis, P De Beer

pursuit of excellence among our senior athletes.

The season culminated with the traditional Triangular Athletics Meeting against Dale College and Queen's College, held in Queenstown on 6 September. The Triangular remains one of the most anticipated fixtures on the athletics calendar, steeped in history and friendly rivalry. Congratulations to Queen's College on securing overall victory, followed by Selborne in second place and Dale College in third. Despite finishing as runners-up, our athletes performed admirably, collecting 4 Gold, 5 Silver, and 4 Bronze medals. Gold medalists included Stephen Tinhof (U17 3000m), Siyavuya Msweli (U14 High Jump), Kuluyolo Dabi (U19 100m), and Anton Odendaal (U19 1500m). Their achievements exemplify the determination and depth of talent within our squad.



Throughout 2025, Selborne College athletes have exemplified the values of dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Beyond the medals and records, it is their commitment to training, their support for one another, and their pride in wearing the black and white that define our athletics programme.

I extend my gratitude to all the coaches, staff and parents for their unwavering support, and to our athletes for their hard work and passion. The future of Selborne Athletics is bright, and we look forward to building on the successes of 2025 in the years to come. Special thanks to Mr Chris Sandford for his guidance and dedication to the Athletics Club and all the staff. His efforts were certainly appreciated, thank you sir! As for the gentlemen, you have made your school proud, well done!



Selborne CRICKET Season

First Team Report

The 2025 cricket season was a year of growth, grit, and glimpses of brilliance for the Selborne College 1st XI. Led by captain Aaron Senekal and vice-captain Matthew Hendry, the team embarked on a demanding campaign that stretched across all formats and conditions — from the heat of Bloemfontein to the cool, damp pitches of Cape Town. Despite the challenges, the group showed immense commitment, steady improvement, and moments of outstanding individual and team performances that truly embodied Selborne's proud cricketing tradition.

The season began in January with the annual Grey Cricket Festival, hosted by Grey College. Facing some of the country's

strongest opposition, Selborne quickly discovered the intensity of early-season cricket.

In their opening two-day fixture against hosts Grey College, the side experienced the highs and lows of the game. After being bowled out cheaply in the first innings for 128, Josh Wilkie's counterattacking 64 stood out. A much-improved second innings, anchored by Matthew Hendry's gritty 65 off 170 balls, showcased the team's fighting spirit, though Grey ultimately claimed victory by nine wickets.

The second fixture against Jeppe proved a tough outing as Selborne struggled with the bat and succumbed to a heavy defeat despite Josh McKay's 4/34 and quick-fire 38. The final game

Coach:
Mr R Koekemoer

Captain:
A Senekal

of the festival, a T20 against Northwood, was far more positive. Selborne posted a competitive 158/7, with Aaron Senekal and Cian O'Neill contributing valuable runs, only to lose narrowly in the final over — a sign of the competitiveness and potential within the squad.

Selborne hosted the CSA Schools T20 Provincial Finals in East London. On a slow Bohemian surface, the team struggled initially, losing to Grey High in a low-scoring contest. However, they quickly bounced back with emphatic wins over Mqanduli and Jumba, highlighted by Michael Hess's devastating 4/10 including a memorable hat-trick.

In the semi-final against Pearson, the side faltered with the bat, bowled out for 88, despite another fighting knock from Wilkie scoring 36. Though Bunqina Nuku and Hess bowled superbly to keep hopes alive, Selborne fell just short, exiting the competition in the semi-finals. Still, the campaign reflected strong bowling depth and flashes of brilliance that would define their season.

The Algie Cup T20 competition offered another opportunity for redemption. Selborne delivered a series of dominant displays, with both bat and ball. A dazzling 72* by Michael Hess and 63



First Team CRICKET

Front Row: J Wilkie, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Hendry (Vice-Captain), Mr R Koekemoer (Coach), A Senekal (Captain), Mr M Spence (MIC: Cricket), R Wait
Middle Row: M Collins, C Fowles, J Edwards, J Hattingh, S Jacobsen, B Nuku
Back Row: A Manyonga, C O'Neill, L Mjo, J McKay

from Aaron Senekal powered the side past Lilyfontein by 86 runs. Against Cambridge, Josh Wilkie's explosive 73 and Lukhanyiso Mjo's remarkable 5/6 sealed a 153-run victory — one of the most comprehensive in recent memory. Aaron Senekal's unbeaten 103* against Central Hub was another standout, ensuring Selborne remained in title contention. Unfortunately, a rain-affected clash against Dale College saw Selborne lose via the Duckworth-Lewis method, ending their hopes of reclaiming the cup. Nonetheless, the side's



highlighted by Senekal's magnificent unbeaten century.

The third and fourth terms reignited Selborne's energy as the CSA 20 campaign began anew. The side, now boasting several new faces and Stayer's eager to impress, played with renewed flair and confidence. The performances were nothing short of dominant. Cian O'Neill led the charge with a brilliant 100 off 61* against Stirling, while Josh Wilkie continued his

exceptional form with consecutive centuries against Cambridge and Dale. The bowlers, led by Reid Drake, Matthew Hendry, and Lwando Gwaza, were ruthless — defending totals with precision and intensity.

Selborne cruised past Queen's in the semi-final before clinching the Regional Final at Buffalo Park against Alice RPC. On the grand stage, Thomas Lyon's elegant 61 and Wilkie's composed 49 lifted the side to 173/4, before disciplined bowling sealed a

performances showcased an attacking brand of cricket and immense depth in both departments.

Transitioning into longer-format cricket, Selborne produced mixed results in the Saturday fixtures. A commanding 168-run victory over Hudson Park, thanks to Senekal's 77, Hattingh's 69 and Hendry's five-wicket haul, was followed by inconsistent batting displays against Graeme College and St Andrew's, where collapses proved costly. However, the team ended the term positively with a drawn fixture in a rain interrupted day against Queen's College,



74-run win. The victory secured their place in the next phase of the national competition in early 2026 — a fitting reward for their hard work.

The team's final major outing came at the prestigious Cape Schools Cricket Festival, hosted by Wynberg. The festival tested both temperament and adaptability, with rain and challenging conditions playing a major role. Selborne began with an emphatic victory over Union High, posting a commanding 353/7 declared, thanks to superb half-centuries from Hendry, Senekal, and Reece Wait. The bowlers backed it up brilliantly, dismissing Union for 182. However, the side struggled for consistency thereafter, falling heavily to St Andrew's and Rondebosch. There were still

bright spots, particularly Senekal's composed 49 and Wait and Hendry's aggressive 52 and 51 respectively. Despite mixed results, the festival provided valuable experience and underscored the team's attacking approach and resilience against elite opposition.

In the closing stages of the season, Selborne faced tough opposition in Grey College, Grey High, Hudson Park, and Queen's. A young Stayers team fought hard for a draw against Grey College in Bloemfontein —

a creditable result considering the inexperience of the side. Back home, Senekal's majestic 123 and Wilkie's fluent 68 led Selborne to a commanding win over Queen's College, followed by another convincing victory against Hudson Park, where Titus Sweetnam's 4/16 capped off an excellent bowling display.

Selborne's 2025 record — 36 matches, 21 wins, 13 losses, and 2 draws — reflects a season of progress and perseverance. The batting unit, led by Josh Wilkie's phenomenal 1,365 runs, often set the tone, while Senekal (984 runs), Hendry (589), and Wait (523) provided consistent support. With the ball, Hendry's 39 wickets made him the standout performer, ably backed by Josh McKay and Bunqina Nuku.

Under the leadership of Captain Aaron Senekal and Vice-Captain Matthew Hendry, the team displayed unwavering



commitment, a willingness to learn, and a competitive edge that will serve them well heading into 2026. Sincere thanks must go to the coaching staff, parents, and supporters who contributed to another memorable year of Selborne cricket. The 2025 First XI upheld the spirit of Selborne — playing hard, playing fair, and always with pride in the black and white.



Coach:
Mr D.Hartley

Captain:
M Collins

The Whitecaps had a successful cricket season, which included massive wins over rival schools and brilliant individual and team performances throughout the year.

The win vs Graeme College was an incredible team effort on an extremely hot day in Makhanda. The win vs Queen's College included Lwando Gwaza dominating with ball in hand, achieving outstanding bowling figures across both of Queen's College's batting innings. He achieved 5/9 in 11 overs and 4/22 in 9 overs. The draw vs Grey College in Bloemfontein, was where some boys achieved brilliant individual scores which boosted their confidence for the second part of cricket season. Afika Xuba got 69(76) in the first innings and Kazz Reilly batted brilliantly for his 110(103) in the second innings to ensure we left Bloemfontein with the draw.

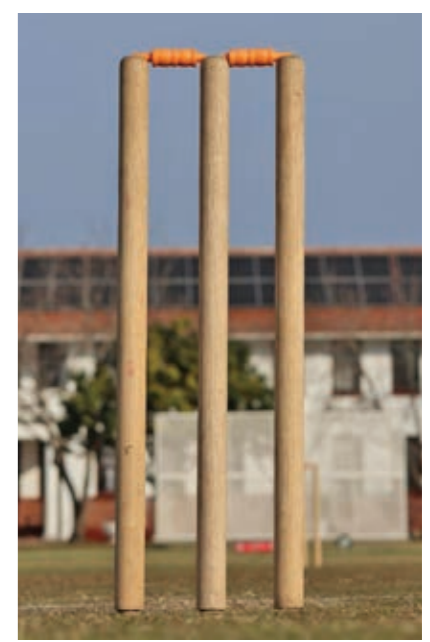
Ndiviwe Ngece played brilliantly for his 55(86) in the win vs Grey High at the Pollock Oval in Port Elizabeth. This was one of his last games representing the College. We came out aggressively with the ball as Titus Sweetnam and Rosh Els tore through the Grey batting lineup. Titus Sweetnam's opening spell also included a hat-trick.

Second Team Report

Afika Xuba once again showcased his brilliance with the bat in our win vs Queen's College in Queenstown. He bashed his way to 103(45) in what was an amazing display of cricket.

The goal for this season was for the mindset of the boys to be positive when it comes to all aspects of cricket. It was a pleasure coaching such an amazing group of young individuals who gave their best efforts on the cricket field.

- Won - 11
- Lost - 5
- Drew - 1



Second Team CRICKET

Front Row: N Ngece, Mr D Hartley (Coach), M Collins (Captain), Mr N Erasmus (Deputy Headmaster), J Edwards
 Middle Row: S George, L Viviers, R Drake, J Tidbury, A Xuba
 Back Row: T Sweetnam, R Els, C O'Neill, T Lyon

Coach:

Mr KJ Friend (Term 1) and Mr J Kriel (Term 4)

Captain:

O Schmidt

The 3rd XI enjoyed a highly enjoyable and productive first term of cricket, marked by great camaraderie, several impressive wins, and memorable individual performances. The team struck an excellent balance between competitiveness and fun, upholding Selborne's standards of discipline and pride.

The presence of senior sportsmen added immense value both on and off the field. Their leadership and experience set the tone for younger players, fostering a culture of teamwork, respect, and commitment.

The side produced some fine results, combining attacking flair with consistency. Several players achieved personal bests and match-winning performances, reflecting the team's collective growth and spirit. Above all, the laughter, friendship, and brotherhood within the group made the season a memorable one — a true reflection of the Selborne spirit.

The latter part of the season brought tougher challenges and mixed results, but it offered valuable lessons in perseverance and teamwork. The boys' effort and sportsmanship remained commendable throughout, and the experience gained will no doubt serve them well in seasons to come.

STANDOUT PERFORMANCES:

- Mark Rybnikar 33 (17) vs De Vos Malan
- Adam Durheim 56 (60) vs Grey High School
- Adam Durheim 37 (38) vs Cambridge 2nd Team
- Won - 1
- Lost - 5
- No Result - 1

Third Team Report



Third Team CRICKET

Front Row: N Mbanga, Mr K J Friend (Coach), C Weimann (VIC), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), J Emslie
 Middle Row: S Adonis, D Weber, M Lwana, D Fisher, S George, O Mqashane
 Back Row: L Viviers, G van Heerden, A Arnold, K Rielly, J Calver
 Absent: O Schmidt (Captain)

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Fourth Team Report

Coach:

Mr S Grant

Captains:

Zandr  September and Connor Jacoby

MATCH RESULTS

- 50 over vs St Andrews: Lost by 6 wickets. Best batsmen: Adam Durheim 55 (74), James Minnaar 27 (f 60); Best bowler James Minnaar 2/64 in 9 overs
- T20 vs Grey High: Won by 2 runs (Best batsmen: Adam Durheim 36*, Dominic Page 34*, Connor Jacoby 22; Best bowlers: James Minnaar 2/20, Paul Minnaar 2/17
- T20 vs Stirling 2nd Team: Won by 61 runs (Best batsmen: A Durheim 32 (30), Z September 25 (20), C Jacoby 23 (11); best bowlers: I Metu 3/12 in 4 overs, D Page 3/12 in 4 overs, L Njozela 2/15 in 4 overs, J Minaar 2/4 in 1 over)
- T20 vs Port Rex 1sts: Won by 3 wickets (Best batsmen: Dominic Page 39 (24 balls), Reace Dennis 22 (26); Best bowler: Dominic Page 6/7 in 2.4 overs)

The team had a great season in the first term. They always played with a lot of passion and were ably led by a very enthusiastic Zandr  September. After he was injured and unable to play, Connor Jacoby took over the leadership. All of our players developed well throughout the season and quite a few were moved up to higher teams.

The team managed to play Saturday fixtures against St Andrew's and Grey High School. We also were entered into the Second team league on Wednesdays.



Fourth Team CRICKET

Front Row: J Fisser, Mr S Grant (Coach), Z September, Mr N Erasmus, P Minnaar
 Middle Row: I Metu, U Mnqeta, C Jacoby, J Minnaar
 Back Row: J Bauer, A Freitag, D Page

Fifth Team Report

Coach:

Mr N Erasmus (First Term)

Captain:

Njongo Mbanga

This was a team of true enthusiasts. A large group of boys attended practice sessions regularly, showing genuine enjoyment and commitment in the nets. Our focus was on mastering the fundamentals and building a solid foundation for their future in the sport.

As the term progressed, several players earned promotion to the 4th and even 3rd teams — definite highlights for them and a reflection of their hard work and progress.

Under the leadership of Njongo Mbanga, the team performed admirably. However, what stood out most was their passion for the game. For these players, the joy of being out on the field and playing cricket together far outweighed the final scorelines.

5TH TEAM VS WEST BANK 3RD

- West Bank - 69/10 (Paul Minnaar - 2/12, Mark Rybnikar - 4/14)
- Selborne - 73/7 (Liam Weyer - 25, Singalaka Papu - 18)
- Selborne won by 3 wickets

5TH TEAM VS SCIENCE COLLEGE 1ST XI - T20

- Selborne - 113/4 (Matthew Rybnikar - 49*, Njongo Mbanga - 20)
- Science - 34/10 (Mark Rybnikar - 6/5 (including a hat-trick), Kendall Klein - 2/8)
- Selborne won by 78 runs



Fifth Team CRICKET

Front Row: J Brent, Mr N Erasmus (Coach), Q Mhlambiso, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), K Klein
 Middle Row: S Papu, M Rybnikar, P Minnaar, L Weyer
 Back Row: M Rybnikar, Z September (Captain), N Daniel



U15A Team CRICKET

Front Row: E Robb, Mr J Jacobs (Coach), D Tarr (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), B Hassan
 Middle Row: I Matshele, L Chettiar, H Langeveldt, C McDonagh, L Prince
 Back Row: M Boonzaier, N Randall, L Nqikashe

U15A Team Report

Coach:
Mr J Jacobs

Captain:
D Tarr

The 2025 season for the U15A side has been one to remember — a year marked by growth, resilience, and some outstanding individual and team performances. Having coached this group for the past two years, it has been incredibly rewarding to see how far they've come — not only as cricketers, but as young men who play the game with genuine passion and commitment.

Throughout the season, the team faced strong opposition from schools such as Grey High, Grey College, Bishops, and others, and showed that they could compete at a high level. Against these top

schools, there were moments of real quality — proper efforts with both bat and ball that reflected the hard work the boys have put in at practice. Whether it was a determined batting display under pressure or a disciplined bowling spell to turn a game around, the boys showed character and pride in wearing the Selborne badge.

The team's improvement has been clear to see. Their understanding of the game has deepened, their execution of plans has sharpened, and the spirit within the group has strengthened. There have certainly been highs and lows — as there always are in sport — but each challenge has played a role in shaping this team into

the competitive and united unit they've become.

I have greatly appreciated the boys' enthusiasm and love for cricket. Their willingness to learn, train hard, and enjoy the game has made coaching them a pleasure. As they move forward in their school cricket careers, I have no doubt that they will continue to develop and contribute to Selborne cricket in the years ahead.

- Won - 16
- Lost - 8
- Drew - 1

U15B Team Report

The U15B cricket side had a tumultuous year. This year, we saw that the scorecard doesn't tell the whole story, as we got our first and only win in the 4th term. However, the individual improvement of the players' skills throughout the season was very clear. Most players went from being poor fielders, to making a massive difference to the outcome of the games.

A player that comes to mind is Daniel Amos. Daniel struggled at the beginning of the season when it came to backing himself, specifically in the field. But he steadily started fielding better until he reached his prime against Grey High School taking 3 catches against a formidable opponent. The reason I singled Daniel out is that he is an example of how hard work and confidence can lead to improvement and

success. A few other players that improved significantly were Mosa Chiverevere and his batting, Calan Perumal, who only started playing this year, and Ayabukwa Kelepu.

Another player that has to be mentioned is Lwandle "Ocean" Sikhosana. Lwandle is not the biggest man out there, but he carries himself that way. He always put his hand up and fought like a warrior for every run.

Coach:
Mr C du Plessis

Captain:
Alex Helbrecht

Our game against Hudson Park's A-team was surely the pinnacle of our season and showed the effort that the boys put in. After losing to them soundly in the 1st term,

“... Even though it was a tough season results-wise, it was an extremely enjoyable group of players to work with ...”



U15B Team CRICKET

Front Row: M Loraine-Grews, C du Plessis (Coach), A Helbrecht, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Mnyobe
 Middle Row: D Meyer, A Kelepu, M Mola, E Stamper, C Sweetman, M Chiverevere, H Malik
 Back Row: I Matika, N Ketelo, H Lusiki, I Ludlala, M Jogie

the boys came back in the second half of the season with one goal in mind. After a proper bowling attack, led by Alex Helbrecht and Bilal Hassan, we gave ourselves a chance, keeping them to only 119 runs. Mosa, Alex and Bilal went on to post respectable scores with the bat but it was the unmatched determination of Inam Matika and Ibenathi Ludlala that sealed the deal, scoring the final twenty-odd runs. The gents won that match by 4 wickets.

Even though it was a tough season results-wise, it was an extremely enjoyable group of players to work with. We had a lot of fun and funny moments, and overall I believe these boys have improved significantly as they prepare to head into the open division.

U14A Team Report

Coach:

Mr W Scholl

Captain:

J van Bronckhorst

After a few practices in January I soon realised that the U14A cricket team of 2025 had all the potential in the world. They set themselves one simple goal, to become better cricketers every week.

We had a busy start to the season playing six Declaration and six T20 matches. Batting and bowling line-ups had to rotate regularly to provide opportunity, and we were up against all the



U14A Team CRICKET

Front Row: J van Tonder, Mr W Scholl (Coach), J van Bronckhorst (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Smith

Middle Row: N Fox-Gower, J Anderson, K Peinke, O Vickers, A Majola

Back Row: J Janse van Rensburg, D Fourie, B Hansel, R Britz

local U15A teams in the T20 league. The team was up for the challenge and played excellent cricket over this period. An exciting, fun-filled day/night clash at St Andrew's was followed by an excellent double innings victory on the Saturday versus our traditional rival. Jesse van Bronckhorst and Jared Anderson batted beautifully for their centuries that set up a match winning total that the bowlers defended so well. Allister Majola showed his potential with a fiery spell. A great weekend of cricket was capped off by Jaidyn van Tonder, with the help of the ever-alert Oscar Vickers, when he got the final wicket in the final over of the day, to the jubilation of our travelling support.

Dominant performances followed for the rest of the term where all bowlers and batsmen excelled when given the opportunity. Noah Fox-Gower

willingly volunteered to take up the wicket-keeping duties. His never say die attitude, even in tough moments, was inspiring to see. Jordan Janse van Rensburg, Fox-Gower and van Tonder entertained us with some hard hitting at the top of the order, Daniel Smith showed that he should not be underestimated, and accurate and clever bowling from all the boys made for a good term of cricket. Most pleasing from a coach's perspective was the attitude and desire to enjoy and improve as a fielding team and I could quickly see the self-belief taking over. In one of our final fixtures of the term, we hosted Grey High. Although overnight rain had made conditions tough, our talented group seemed to go into their shell and lose that self-belief with the bat. Despite creating some pressure in the Grey innings, we did not have enough runs and lost by 4 wickets. That turned out to



be only one of two losses (if I exclude two practice matches against our u15A team) all year and I am very proud of how lessons were learnt in the defeat mentioned above.

After the winter break the boys were eager to get going again. We travelled to Dale, Grey College in Bloemfontein and Grey High before our tour to Paarl. A good batting performance at Dale was only outdone by a record breaking performance by the Springboks in Wellington that had fathers conflicted over which game to watch throughout the morning. The boys showed a lot of character to hang on for a nail biting draw in our double innings match versus Grey College. Anderson, Smith, Daniel Fourie and Korban Peinke batted for valuable time to help the team avoid defeat against a strong Grey College outfit. The team was back to their best in Gqeberha two weeks later where a good all round performance was rewarded with a victory in the tightly contested return match versus Grey High. Hansel and Smith

batted positively to capitalise on a good start provided by Janse van Rensburg and van Bronckhorst. Grey started their innings well but Hansel and Anderson led the fight back with the ball and the team managed to bowl out Grey and win the exciting encounter by 12 runs.

The team won three out of four games at the prestigious Charl van Rooyen Festival, the first Selborne U14 Team to do that since 2014. The boys showed strong character complemented by accurate bowling and amazing fielding. Anderson's exploits in the field were particularly game defining with a safe pair of hands and brilliant run outs fuelling the team's energy at key moments. Janse van Rensburg batted maturely and anchored the innings on the first three days to allow for the team to set competitive totals. With the accurate bowling from the likes of Rudolph Britz, Fourie, van Bronckhorst and van Tonder, the bowlers and incredible team spirit

led the team to three consecutive victories over KES, Pretoria Boys High and DHS. In our final match in Paarl, Jeppe batted very well in the first innings and only a brilliant run out from Peinke kept us in with a chance. Captain van Bronckhorst led from the front and scored another brilliant hundred as we looked set to chase down Jeppe's big total. Unfortunately, wickets at key moments meant that we finished just two runs short. A big thank you to Mr Hartley and Mr Kriel for coaching the team in my absence. You both did a wonderful job and the boys learnt so much while thoroughly enjoying their cricket at the same time.



The fourth term started with powerful batting displays against Queen's and Hudson Park. Bowlers had learnt new deliveries and were ruthless whenever given the opportunity. Brits started to come into his own and bowled



with pace and skill. Vickers showed off his batting skills against spin, and our fielding was sharp and full of energy. The last match against St Andrews once again saw the team play great cricket. Hansel starred with the bat, leading the team to a good score after St Andrews had bowled well in the morning session. With Britz, van Tonder and Peinke on fire with the ball, we dominated the second innings to win comfortably and end the year on a high.

Congratulations to van Bronckhorst, Janse van Rensburg, Anderson, Smith, Fourie, Hansel, Majola and Fox-Gower for their selection to

represent the Border U15 Team in December. I wish you the best of luck for the provincial week. I would like to thank Mr Spence, Mr Tyler Stagg and all the parents for their assistance and support this season. The boys and I really appreciate it!

In conclusion I would like to thank Jesse and the team for a memorable season. You have all improved tremendously and I am very pleased with what this team has achieved. I can safely say that the future of Selborne College Cricket is in good hands.

- Won - 21
- Lost - 2
- Drew - 1

U14B Team Report

Coach:
Mr W Scholl

Captain:
F Goodwin

The U14B cricket side enjoyed a competitive and rewarding 2025 season, playing a total of ten matches. The team recorded five wins and five losses, a fair reflection of the steady growth and development shown throughout the year.

This season, the focus was placed firmly on mastering the fundamentals of cricket. Consistent work on batting and bowling technique, as well as understanding the basics of the game, formed the backbone of the team's development. The improvement from Term 1 to Term 4 was remarkable, with the players displaying greater confidence, discipline, and teamwork as the season progressed.

The team's highest total of the year came when they posted 155 runs, highlighting the progress made with the bat. Their best all-round performance came against St Joseph's, where the bowlers dominated to dismiss the opposition for just 46 runs before confidently chasing down the target in only four overs, finishing on 50/1. Another memorable performance was against St Andrew's, when the team successfully chased 154 runs in a thrilling encounter.

Individually, Fletcher Goodwin was the team's leading run-scorer with 105 runs, demonstrating consistency and composure



U14B Team CRICKET

Front Row: A Botha, Mr W Scholl (Coach), F Goodwin, (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Khoza
Middle Row: JP Neethling, T Irving, E Dyers, M Dyer, D Iqbal
Back Row: C Heugh, R Britz, C Kent and K Odendaal



the bat, displaying all-round ability and leadership on the field.

For his consistent performances and impact with both bat and ball, Jean-Pierre Neethling is deservedly named the U14B Player of the Year.

The season was defined by steady improvement, strong team spirit, and a willingness to learn. The players can take great pride in their effort and development,

at the crease. Jean-Pierre Neethling led the bowling attack superbly, claiming 13 wickets for the season, including outstanding figures of 5/31. He also contributed 89 runs with

both individually and collectively. With a solid foundation in place and a growing understanding of the game, this group is well positioned to achieve further success in the years ahead.

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U14C Team Report



U14C Team CRICKET

Front Row: M Williams, Mr J Vermaak (Coach), R Plekker, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Bouic
 Middle Row: V Mlenze, J Wilken, Z Mancotywa, A Carr, O Banzi, M Mokawem
 Back Row: K Luck, E Everts, S Tembani, J Scott, V Van Heerden

Coach:
Mr J Vermaak

The U14C Cricket Team showed great determination and team spirit throughout their four matches this season. Although the results did not always go our way, the boys displayed consistent improvement and a positive attitude both on and off the field.

We played a total of four matches, winning one and narrowly losing three. Each game brought valuable lessons and opportunities for growth. Our single victory was a highlight — a well-deserved reward for the team's effort, focus, and teamwork. The bowlers hit their lengths with good consistency, the fielding showed sharpness and energy and the batters built



some strong partnerships under pressure.

Even in the matches we lost, the team fought hard until the final over. There were several standout individual performances, but what truly stood out was the collective commitment and enthusiasm shown by every player. The improvement in communication, confidence, and understanding of the game was clear with every match.

Overall, it was a season of development, resilience, and enjoyment. The players should be proud of how they represented their team and school. With continued dedication and the same positive mindset, the U14C Team players will only grow stronger next season.

“... What truly stood out was the collective commitment and enthusiasm shown ...”

Big Bash CRICKET



2025 CROSS COUNTRY Season

Master-in-Charge's Report

Coach:
Mr S Grant

Captain:
Luke Tinhof

The Cross-Country team has had a wonderful season this year. The overall strength and commitment of the boys in the club has grown tremendously.

The season started off with the team beating Queen's in the Berry Dam relay. This relay fell on Queen's reunion weekend this year and so was included in their Derby Day. On the other Derby Day encounters, Selborne beat Dale and Grey High School but lost to Grey College.



CROSS COUNTRY Team

Front Row: J Coetzee, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Tinhof (Captain), Mr S Grant (Coach), M Keshaw
Middle Row: S Tinhof, T Bamitale, W Wright, J Fisser, S Silwana
Back Row: M Killian, V Booi, A Attwell



The team also took part in Border Cross-Country events where the team members did the school proud. Many of our players improved with each event.

Luke Tinoff was a great leader, leading by example and always being inspirational with his support of the members of the team. We are really going to miss him as well as the rest of the matrics in next year's season but we have strong Grade 10s and 11s that will take our cross-country to even greater heights. We do, however, need to encourage more juniors to take part in cross-country.

Recognition also goes to Mishan Keshaw and Stephen Tinhoff for representing Border at the National Championships.

Selborne GOLF Season

Master-in-Charge's Report

Selborne College enjoyed another successful year of golf, with some incredible individual achievements. We once again hosted our Selborne Golf Festival in February, played at the WestBank, Olivewood and East London Golf Courses. There were 15 teams that participated. The winners of the A-Division were Selborne A, Paul Roos came second and Selborne B third. In the B-Division the winners were Border Development, second was Nomzamo High and in third place was Selborne Invitational.

Schools Festival was played at the Oubaai, Mossel bay and Fancourt golf courses. As always the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Unfortunately we lost all our matches against Rondebosch, SACS, Paarl

Master-in-Charge:
Mr S Viviers

Captain:
Gray Van Heerden

We had a full house of wins in all our Derby day matches this year, beating Pearson, Queen's, St Andrews and Grey Bloemfontein. The highlight of our Derby days was the great 10.5 – 4.5 win against Grey High. The Cape





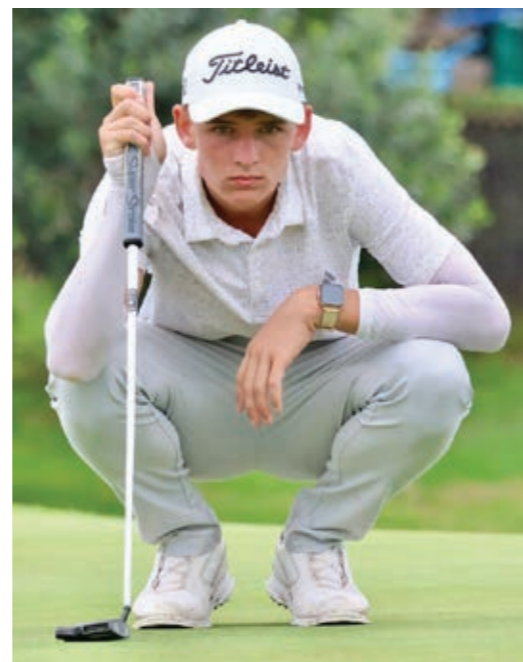
GOLF Team

Front Row: A Louw, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), G Van Heerden (Captain), Mr S Viviers (Coach), B Horsley
Back Row: K van der Bergh, B Weber, T Lyon
Absent: C Stewart

Vallei and Wynburg. The Cape Schools team was D Weber , L. Viviers, M. Boonziar, M. Love, S. Chang and B. Arnold.

The first team also represented Selborne at the National High School's Championship played at the Middleburg Golf Course where the boys ended in 8th place. The team was K. van der Berg, A. Louw, T. Lyon and B. Weber

There have been so many individual highlights, this year, of which the Selborne boys can be proud. Kyle winning the Border Men's Matchplay Championships and a Border OOM at East London; Arron going through to the quarter finals of the South African Men's Matchplay at Humewood and



winning the Border OOM event at Gonubie and West Bank; Carter winning the Border OOM event at Olivewood and the Century 21 longest drive competition, where he won R10 000 and Ben winning a Border OOM at East London

We congratulate Ben Weber, Kyle Van der Berg, Arron Louw and Thomas Lyon, on making the Border Men's Team that played at the IPT. We also congratulate Blake Horsley and Carter Stewart on making the Border Men's Country District Team.

In conclusion I would like to thank the parents, in particular the Grade 12 parents for their support and for fetching and carrying their sons to and from the golf courses throughout their time at Selborne. I would also like to wish the Grade 12's leaving all the best for the future. Keep on golfing!



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2025 HOCKEY Season

First Team Report

Head Coach:
Mr KJ Friend

Assistant Coach:
Mr L Ferreira

Other Coaching staff:
Mr G Littleford

Captain:
Gray van Heerden

confident start, winning three of their four fixtures.

Next came the Nomads Festival at Jeppe High School for Boys. Facing one of the toughest schedules of the tournament, the team battled through each encounter with grit and composure, recording one draw and four narrow defeats. Although results were mixed, the experience proved invaluable.

At the KES Festival, the First XI faced more top-level opposition. Several matches were decided by a single goal, resulting in two draws and three losses. Each performance, nevertheless, showcased the team's evolving structure, belief and discipline.

The touring season concluded with the Hilbert Shield, in Port Elizabeth; South Africa's largest



"A season defined by courage, character and the unmistakable Selbornian spirit."

A Year of Growth and Grit – The 2025 season marked another proud chapter in Selborne College Hockey – a year filled with determination, development and moments of pure brilliance.

After a demanding and carefully planned pre-season under the expert guidance of Mr. Littleford, our Strength and Conditioning Coach, the First XI began their campaign in peak physical condition – fit, focused, and ready to compete.

Despite being a relatively young side, with only four seniors and six matric players, the team showed immense maturity, resilience and hunger to improve throughout the year.

FESTIVAL SEASON: LESSONS AND LEAPS FORWARD

The season opened with the Tony Godding Festival, which was hosted at Selborne College, during which the boys made a



First Team HOCKEY

Front Row: D Conroy, Mr KJ Friend (Coach), T Caswell (Vice-Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), G van Heerden (Captain), Mr L Ferreira (Manager), Mr G Littleford (S&C)

Middle Row: B Diemer, S Adonis, I Gxobole, A de Lange, M Lwana, R Drake, B Collins, D Weber, C Pabla

Back Row: S Kweba, A Manyonga, R Wait, M Hendry, C Pringle.



schoolboy hockey event. Against powerhouses such as Paul Roos, Maritzburg College and Grey High, the team played with courage and pride, leaving everything on the field, despite several tough results.

**DERBY SEASON:
THE TURNING POINT**

As the focus shifted to our traditional derby fixtures, the lessons from the festival circuit paid off. The First XI demonstrated tactical maturity and mental strength, remaining unbeaten throughout the derby season, until the final fixture against Grey High. Notable results included:

- 1–0 win vs St Andrew’s College
- 2–2 draw vs Grey College, Bloemfontein
- 8–0 win vs Queen’s College
- 6–1 win vs Dale College

These results reflect, not only the team’s attacking prowess,



but also their defensive cohesion and growing self-belief.

**PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS
& ACHIEVEMENTS**

TEAM AWARDS

- Most Improved Hockey Team of the Year

INDIVIDUAL HONOURS

- Player of the Season: Reece Wait
- Most Improved Player: Bradley Diemer
- Most Improved Goalkeeper: Craig Pahla

TOP SCORERS & PROVINCIAL SUCCESS

- Reid Drake – Top Goal Scorer (29 goals in 35 matches)
- Gray van Heerden – Top Goal Scorer, U18 IPT B Division
- Six U16 players – Bronze Medal, U16 IPT, B SECTION
- Six U18 players – Bronze Medal, U18 IPT, B SECTION

In retrospect, the 2025 season was not defined solely by wins and losses, but by the journey, which was one of growth, perseverance and pride. Every match tested our resolve and sharpened our character.

The foundation laid by this young team promises an exciting future for Selborne Hockey. The First XI of 2025 will be remembered for their courage, camaraderie and the unwavering Selbornian pride, with which they represented their school.



Second Team Report

PLAYED	12
WON	8
LOST	1
DREW	3
FOR	33
AGAINST	13

The 2025 hockey season for the 2nd Team started off slowly as we battled to find our rhythm in the early stages. A hard-fought draw against Pearson and a disappointing 4-1 loss to Queen's College in Queenstown, tested the team's resolve. However, from this point onwards, the boys showed tremendous character, discipline, and teamwork, steadily gaining momentum as the season progressed.

Michael Hess led the team with maturity and composure, setting the standard both on and off the field. His leadership ensured that

the side maintained discipline and unity throughout the season.

We went on to win all of our local fixtures convincingly, showcasing not only our attacking flair, but also our well organised defence. The team also proved its strength against top opposition, holding Grey College in Bloemfontein to a well-earned 2-2 draw, a game in which Rael Govind showed his ability in the box and kept us in the game, with an outstanding performance in goals. Another notable performance, came against St Andrews in Makhanda, where we secured a convincing 3-1 victory. We closed the season with another impressive 3-3 draw against Grey High in our final home fixture, which was a very exciting match, with both sides desperate to win.

The team's consistency was evident in the statistics: over 11 games. The side secured 8 wins, 3 draws, and only 1 loss, scoring 33 goals, while conceding just 13.

Coach:
Mr R Koekemoer

Captain:
M Hess

This record highlights both the attacking sharpness and the solid defensive structure that defined the season. Up front, Christopher Pringle was the team's top goal scorer using his drag-flicking ability to devastating effect at penalty corners. His accuracy and power turned set pieces into valuable scoring opportunities, making him a constant threat to the opposition. Supporting him in attack was Daelin Hendricks, who proved to be a consistent and reliable finisher throughout the season. With 6 goals, he was the team's second top scorer, often creating chances out of nothing and providing crucial goals, when the side needed them most. Regular team members included:

Rael Govind, Owami Dlova, Michael Hess, Khaka Domfanya, Colby Strydom, Daelin Hendricks, Christopher Pringle, Kungawo Vazi, Phindukhanyise Gwaza, Cole Drake, Lincoln Goodwin, Andon van der Westhuisen, Luke Tinhoff, Kayden Vedajjelum, Luke Forsyth and Daniel Webber.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for the efforts put in this season. Thanks must also go to the Selborne College Hockey club, whose constant support and dedication play a significant role in the club's success. Overall, it was a season of growth, resilience, and ultimately success. The team can be proud of their achievements and the spirit with which they represented Selborne College on the hockey field.



Second Team HOCKEY

Front Row: A van der Westhuisen, Mr R Koekemoer (Coach), M Hess (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Weber
Middle Row: K Vedajallam, R Govind, D Dlova, K Dyomfana, C Strydom, C Drake, L Tinhof
Back Row: C Pringle, L Forsyth, E Lottering, L Goodwin, P Gwaza

Third Team Report

Coach:
Mr L Ferreira

Captain:
Ethan Lottering

The Selborne College 3rd XI hockey team enjoyed an extremely successful and enjoyable hockey season. It was a season filled with spectacular goals, personal achievements and, above all, growth. The main goal of the season was to improve, both as individuals and as a team. The team began the season with three impressive victories against Pearson and traditional rivals, Dale and Queen's, scoring 20 goals. The team then took on the exciting task of playing against Grey Bloem in Bloemfontein in what



Third Team HOCKEY

Front Row: M Owen, Mr L Ferreira (Coach), E Lottering (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Forsyth
Middle Row: E Groenewald, L Motabene, M Collins, T Ochieng, K Dyomfana, B Holm, K Vedajallum
Back Row: M Otte, J Holmes, W Trollope, L Goodwin, J Genders, N Davis

RESULTS		
PEARSON	Won	8 - 0
QUEEN'S (AWAY)	Won	5 - 2
DALE (HOME)	Won	7 - 1
GREY BLOEM (AWAY)	Lost	1 - 4
ST ANDREWS	Drew	1 - 1
STIRLING	Won	3 - 1
CAMBRIDGE SECONDS	Won	7 - 1
QUEEN'S (HOME)	Won	3 - 0
DALE (AWAY)	Won	6 - 1
GREY PE	Lost	0 - 6

SUMMARY	
MATCHES	10
WON	7
LOST	2
DREW	1
GOAL FOR	41
GOALS AGAINST	17
GOAL DIFFERENCE	+ 24

is always a highlight of the season for the hockey club. The game was incredibly competitive, with both teams creating ample chances. Grey Bloem showed composure and were clinical in their penalty corner execution, securing themselves a 4-1 win in a really enjoyable game. This was followed up with a trip to St Andrews in Makhanda, where missed opportunities left the team incredibly frustrated with a 1-1 draw. The team, nevertheless, bounced back to their winning ways, winning the next four matches on the trot. This included wins against Stirling, Cambridge (2nds) and completing the double-double against Dale and Queen's. The season culminated in a loss to Grey PE.

Regular players in the team included; Luke Forsyth, Lesedi Motabene, Merrick Collins, Lincoln Goodwin, Trevor Ochieng, Joshua Genders, Joel Holmes, Kayden Vedajallum, Khakha Dyomfana, Morgan Owen, Luke Tinhof, Ethan Lottering, Bryce Holm, Matthew Otte, Ethan Groenewald, Noah Davis, Warrick Trollope.

I would like to thank the boys for the countless hours they spent on the hockey field and for the grit, determination and passion that they displayed throughout the season. A special thanks must also be extended to Messrs Spence and Koekemoer for their valuable support throughout the season.

Fourth and Fifth Team Report

Head Coach:
Mr M Spence

Captains:
Warwick Trollope and
Bathabile Mdlankomo

The Selborne College 4th Hockey Team displayed an admirable level of enthusiasm, spirit and determination throughout the season. Despite regularly facing off against other schools' 3rd teams, the boys rose to the challenge with courage and pride, showing remarkable resilience and passion for the game. The highlight of the season was a world class performance, taking the win against St Andrews College, away from home.

Each match was a testament to their dedication—not only to the sport, but to each other as teammates. Their energy on the field and willingness to grow and improve, made for a truly rewarding season. As coach, I was incredibly proud of their commitment and attitude from start to finish.

I wish all the boys the very best for the future; both on and off the field.

SUMMARY OF MATCHES

PLAYED	7
WON	3
LOST	3
DRAWN	1



Fourth and Fifth Team HOCKEY

Front Row: W Trollop, Mr M Spence (Coach), B Mdlankomo (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Forsyth (Captain)
Middle Row: J Brent, M Wolela, E Groenewald, M Otte, N Davis, T Ochieng
Back Row: J Holms, R Muller, J Genders

U16A Team Report

Coach:
Mr T Stellenberg

Captain:
A De Lange

The story of the boys' hockey season was one of determination, growth, and unforgettable moments. Things started off slowly, with the team battling to find rhythm and consistency. Their trip to the Hibbert Shield, at Pearson in Port Elizabeth, was a tough test and an 8th-place finish showed that there was still work to

be done. Rather than being discouraged, however, the boys used this experience as fuel to improve.

Week by week, their confidence grew. Training became sharper, team-work stronger, and belief more evident. Their breakthrough came in Bloemfontein, where they stunned the hockey community with a thrilling victory over the mighty Grey Bloem – a result that will be remembered for years to come!

The season reached its climax, in the final game, with a dramatic draw against their biggest rivals, Grey

PE. It was a fitting end; a match filled with passion, grit, and pride - one that showcased just how far the boys had come.

Congratulations to Brad Collins, AV Manyongo, Connor Hume, Willam Schaffer, Adam de Lange and Mivuyo Lwana, on their selection to the Border U16a team that competed in the B section at IPT and finished the tournament in 3rd position.

From a shaky start, to a season ending on a high, this group of players proved that true success lies not

only in results, but in resilience, growth, and the bonds built along the way.

- Games played: 27
- Lost: 7
- Drew: 5
- Goals for: 66
- Goals against: 24



U16A Team HOCKEY

Front Row: Mr L Ferreira, A De Lange (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Lwana, Mr W Scholl
Middle Row: R Owen, L Weyer, L Viviers, J Calver, B Collins, Y Govender, A Toich
Back Row: A Manyonga, W Schaeffer, J Edwards, C Hume, J Cronje
Absent: Mr T Stellenberg (Coach)



U16B Team Report

A talented group of individuals started training in early March and worked incredibly hard to upskill and condition themselves for the upcoming season. A frustrating and nervous display versus Pearson saw us edge a 1-0 victory, but comprehensive performances were shown versus our traditional rivals, Queen's and Dale. The team then faced a frustrating wait before our hugely anticipated derby vs Grey College. Mid-term holidays and a lack of matches contributed to this frustration, but the boys were able to motivate themselves. Their hard work at practice was rewarded with a good performance in Bloemfontein. Despite creating good chances and displaying great team cohesiveness and spirit, the match ended 0-0 but was definitely our best performance of the season.

Goalkeeper, Mughammad Jogie, who often made game changing saves, along with Cole

Coach:
Mr W Scholl

Captain:
Sibulele Lwana

Vice Captain:
Sebastian Botha



U16B Team HOCKEY

Front Row: S Botha, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Lwana, Mr Scholl (Coach), A Schutte
Middle Row: D Naidoo, L-H Prince, L Chettiar, T Wessels, J Smith, N Govind
Back Row: A Nyweba, C Kriedemann, D Tarr, B Kaschula

Kriedemann, Bailey Kaschula, Sibulele Lwana, Nevaeh Govind and Liam Chettiar, provided a solid and composed defence. Our links, Ayabulela Nyweba, Layt-Hum Prince, Daniel Tarr, Dashay Naidoo and Jonathan Cronje, were committed and equally good on defence as well as attack. Upfront, Sebastian Botha (top goal scorer), Tiaan Wessels, Yogan Govender and Joshua Smith were a hardworking strike force, always looking for an opportunity to put the opposition under pressure and sniff out a goal.

The team grew in maturity, showing determination and passion. They played some great attacking hockey, in dominant performances against local

opposition. We, unfortunately, ended the season on a grey note when the boys realised, too late, that we could compete with a good Grey High team, losing the encounter 0-1.

Thank you to all the parents for their fantastic support. The boys and I really appreciate it. A big thank you must also go to Mr Friend for all that you do for our hockey club. Finally, I would

like to thank Sibulele, Sebastian and the team for a memorable season. You have all improved tremendously and I wish you all the best of luck in your future hockey careers. Palma Virtuti.



U16C Team Report

The U16 C Hockey Team had a superb 2025 season, only losing two games. They have developed well as individual players and managed to play well as a team. The focus was on improving basics and stretching the field to allow our strikers opportunities to find the net. And this they did superbly!

Our defensive structures were tested against stronger opposition but the boys showed great grit and determination at the back of the field. They never dropped their heads and were supportive of each other. Many of the players in our team were regulars on the bench for the U16 B Team and they lifted the standard of play with each opportunity.

Coach:

Ms K. du Toit

Captain:

Matthew Rybnikar

Vice Captain:

Nathan Weise



Evidence of how hard this team worked is in the fact that we kept seven clean sheets in eleven games. Our links were superb and the efforts in mid-field often allowed us to convert turn-overs into good possession and goals. This team was always highly motivated and driven to produce good results. The 2025 U16 C team and this season will go down as one of my favourites as a coach.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly being awarded the Kaizen Trophy at Quarterly



U16C Team HOCKEY

Front Row: A Kelepu, Mrs K du Toit (Coach), N Weise, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Keshaw

Middle Row: S Tinhof, N Govind, K Mkutyukwelwa, T Leighton, S Willard, M Mda, D Naidoo, T Botha

Back Row: T Wessels, I Matik, M Rybnikar, N Randall, A Schutte, M Rybnikar, C Perumal

U16D & E Team Report

Coaches:

Mrs. M Gobel and

Mrs. G Musgrave

This year we had a great turn out of players who were very keen for the season. Coaches and players showed up and practiced with great enthusiasm. We were very fortunate to get a couple of matches this season, which all players thoroughly enjoyed. The ultimate highlight of the season for the players was the trip to Grey PE and being hosted out.

We are very grateful for the mid-week and all the encouragement and skills- upgrades which we received. Most of our games were played against higher teams as most other schools do not have the same depth of teams. Despite playing higher teams, our might D's and E's pulled off some nice wins!

It was fantastic seeing the level of hockey of these boys growing from strength to strength and seeing the dedication and commitment.

Both coaches couldn't be prouder of the young men of these teams. Results:

UNDER 16E

- Grey College 0-9 Selborne
- Grey High 7-2 Selborne
- Cambridge 16D 0-2 Selborne
- Cambridge 16C 0-1 Selborne

UNDER 16D

- Pearson 0-2 Selborne
- Grey College 0-5 Selborne
- Grey High School 1-1 Selborne
- Cambridge 16B 0-6 Selborne
- Cambridge 16C 0-2 Selborne
- Cambridge 14A 2-2 Selborne
- St Andrews 1-4 Selborne



Awards. This trophy is for the most improved team at Selborne College, during the Winter Season. I look forward to watching these players perform and develop next season.

RESULTS FROM THE SEASON:

- Vs Pearson drew 2-2
- Vs Queen's College won 5-0
- Vs Cambridge U16 B won 2-0
- Vs St Andrews won 4-0
- Vs Grey College lost 2-3
- Vs Cambridge U16 B won 4-0
- Vs Stirling High School won 11-0
- Vs Cambridge U16 B won 6-0

- Vs Queen's College won 3-0
- Vs Grey High School lost 0-4

Regular players for our team were: Kwakhanya Mkutyukelwa (GK), Nathan Weise, Tiaan Wessels, Inam Matika, Tighe Leighton, Nevaeh Govind, Aya Kelepu, Adrian Schutte, Matthew Rybnikar, Mark Rybnikar, Nathan Randall, Deshay Naidoo, Mhlahli Mda, Mischan Keshaw, Stephen Tinhof, Calan Perumel.

- Played 10
- Won 7
- Lost 2
- Drew 1
- Won





U16D & E Team HOCKEY

Front Row: N Dedeka, S Kwelani, Ms M Gobel (Coach), S Papu, L Sikhosana
 Middle Row: A Swiwunda, M Mda, S Silwana, M Chiverevere, S Mbamali
 Back Row: S Ndlumbini, N Mandividza, E Koshy, D Schoeman, N Mduma



U14A Team Report

Coach:
Mr S Viviers

Captain:
Daniel Smith

The challenge and the excitement of coaching u/14 sport is the ability to bring together a bunch of 14 year olds, from different schools and different abilities, and to shape them into a formidable team. We were able to

do this with this year's team. They went from strength to strength throughout the season and ended up playing very attractive and productive hockey.

This year's season started with the u14 Nomads festival, hosted by KES. The level of hockey was of a very high standard and despite the fact that the results did not go our way, we showed signs that we had the potential to be a good team. We lost to KES, Jeppe and Grey High, beat St Johns and drew with Pretoria Boys.

We then played in the Rob Taylor Festival, which was a great opportunity to try different combinations and come up with the starting lineup for the year. The festival was, once again, a wonderful success. We beat Grey B, Stutterheim and Woodridge and drew to Stirling. The u14s also attended the Hibbert Shield for the first time, hosted by Pearson High School. We lost here to Paarl Roos, Grey High and DHS. We, nevertheless, had good wins over St Albans, Clifton and St Albans again. Anyone who watched the u/14's would agree

that the team really made great strides of improvement as the season progressed. When considering the rest of the results for the season, you would certainly agree with me.

At the back, in goals, was Fletcher Goodwin, who was probably the most improved player in our team for someone who had never put on the pads before, resulting in him becoming a formidable keeper. Ross Cockcroft, Daniel Hendricks, Jordan Janse van Rensburg and Connor Heugh, were solid throughout the year, playing in the half line, while Jed Ogilve and Joshua Crawford were more than adequate replacements when called upon. The links, consisting of Tyler Irving, Ezra Dyers and Jude Davis, were good with regard to their work rate and their willingness to assist in both defence and attack. The strikers in the squad were Mason Gregory, Dean Van Huyssteen and Daniel Smith. They all showed great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season. Cade Rensburg, Liam Fourie and Alu Lali also represented the team this year.

Congratulations to the following boys, who represented Border at u/14A level:



“... They all showed great enthusiasm and commitment throughout the season ...”



U14A Team HOCKEY

Front Row: J Janse van Rensburg (Vice-Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Smith (Captain), Mr S Viviers (Coach), M Gregory
 Middle Row: E Dyers, D van Huyssteen, F Goodwin, J Davis, T Irving
 Back Row: C Rensburg, R Cockcroft, C Heugh
 Absent: D Hendricks, J Crawford

J. Janse van Rensburg, D. Hendricks, T. Irving and D. Smith.

RESULTS:

- Games played: 29
- Won: 16
- Drew: 5
- Lost: 8
- Goals for: 84
- Goals against: 43

I would like to express my gratitude to Daniel and the team for your commitment and willingness to better yourselves throughout the season. I would also like to thank Mr KJ Friend and Mr Spence for their assistance and the untiring passion they have for Selborne hockey. To the mothers who serve in the tuck shop and to the parents of the boys, thank you for your support.



U14B Team Report

This season started with the Robb Taylor Festival during which the team was challenged right from the start. We played five matches in the festival, losing four and drawing one. The biggest loss came against the Stutterheim A side, which highlighted the areas where we needed to improve.

After the festival, the team put in a lot of hard work, focusing on improving their basic skills and applying better strategies on the field. Their effort showed

as the season progressed. Out of 17 matches played this year, the team won 7, drew 2 and lost 8, scoring a total of 42 goals. During our Derby Days, we only lost to Grey College, Grey High School and St. Andrew's College, while managing a solid draw against Queen's College in the away derby. Our most memorable victory came against Cambridge High School, which was a great reward for the team's determination and growth.

Some of the standout goal scorers this season were Fletcher

Head Coach:

Mr C Breytenbach

Assistant Coach:

Mr J du Preez

Manager:

Luke Forsyth

Other Coaching Staff:

Mrs Michelle Miles

Captain:

Reece Earl and Micah Bennett

“... The team put in a lot of hard work, focusing on improving their basic skills and applying better strategies ...”



U14B Team HOCKEY

Front Row: Mr C Breytenbach (Coach), R Earl, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Bennett, L Forsyth (Manager)

Middle Row: L Khoza, M Dyer, J van der Byl, L Matlala, A Reve, A Nyati, T do Rego, L Fourie

Back Row: C Rensburg, J Scott, F Goodwin, J Ogilvie, C Heugh

Goodwin, Cade Rensburg, Micah Bennett and James Scott, who made consistent, key contributions up front. Despite the fact that the depth of the squad was a challenge from the beginning of the season, the players showed brilliant development in their skills and

teamwork, with every game.

Overall, it was a season of growth and valuable learning. I thoroughly enjoyed working with this team, and I am proud of the progress made by each player. I look forward to seeing them continue to develop and achieve

even more in the seasons to come.

- Games played: 17
- Wins: 7
- Drew: 2
- Lost: 8
- Goals scored: 42

U14C Team Report



Head Coach:
Mrs M Miles

Other Coaching Staff:
Mr C Breytenbach

Captain:
Pranay Keshaw

The u14C Hockey boys brought great energy to every practice, training alongside the B team with enthusiasm and love for the game. They ended the season with a hard-fought 2-2 draw against Grey PE, showing clear growth and improvement. A big thank you to the rugby players who stepped in to help field a full team. A season full of spirit and teamwork – well done boys!

MATCH SUMMARY	
PLAYED	1
WON	0
LOST	0
DRAWN	1



U14C Team HOCKEY

Front Row: L Gila (Vice-Captain), Mrs M Miles (Coach), P Keshaw (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), K Gwentshe
 Middle Row: T do Rego, J van der Byl, L Matlala, J van Tonder, K Mbande, L Nyangiwe
 Back Row: A Reve, R Buret, A Botha, A Msikinya, J Scott

Selborne ROWING Season

U19 Open Team Report

Coach:
Mr D Hartwanger

Captain:
Carter Hormann

We started the season with 16 open rowers, which is a good number as $16 = 8 \times 2$. That meant we had the possibility of boating both a 1st 8 and a 2nd 8. From every perspective this is a good thing. The 2024/2025 season that began in September of 2024 and finished in March of 2025 was historic. This was the

first full season at the fledgling Nahoon Dam site. With limited infrastructure and resources, the boys made the best of it, and showed what could be done. As the coach, I was immensely proud.

Captain of the club was Carter Hormann. Carter epitomized the positive attitude, roll up your sleeves and get stuck-in mindset, that is the foundation of rowing at Selborne College. Carter was a tremendous asset to the club, providing much support to me as the coach. His desire to keep striving for better and competitive instinct was invaluable, except when he was 'distracted' by the opposite sex. However, in

the interests of producing the next generation of outstanding Selbornians I chose to turn a blind eye.

The climax of the first half of the season was 'The Boatrace' in December of 2024. The squad consisted of: Carter Hormann, Tyde Scheepers, Ethan Bowie, Luke Hartwanger, Lincoln Goodwin, Cole Everts, Cullen Steenkamp, Deklan Thompson, Chase Krug, and Adam Jakobi. The aim was to make it into the top ten places. Unfortunately, we just missed it, placing 11th overall. Although somewhat disappointing, the result confirmed that training at our new home on the Nahoon Dam



has many advantages, not least of which is being able to cover continuous distance, for which only distance can prepare you. The squad of Boatrace 2024 has proved that the future is bright.

The highlight of the season was the local Eastern Cape Championships held on the Buffalo River, where Selborne once operated for 100 years. By way of analogy, the difference between 'rigid' and 'tough' is whether something will break under tremendous stress, or adjust. I would like to believe that Selborne College rowing is tough, tougher than most rowing clubs out there. The performance at the ECRA regatta against Grey and St Andrews exemplified this. Cole Everts won the 1st Single. Christian du Plessis and Cole Everts won the 1st Double. Our 2nd Four and 2nd Eight both stroked by Io Lewis won, and our 1st Quad stroked by Christian du Plessis also won. In the U19 category it was a resounding result. It was a phenomenal performance by the U19 squad, given the challenges of the preparation from a rudimentary facility at the Nahoon Dam and facing the legacy of the past at the Buffalo River. I was incredibly proud.

Our 2nd Eight stroked by Io Lewis, supported by Oliver Collocott, Cole Everts, Christiann du Plessis, Kumkani Sipamla, Travis Stolsie, Luke Forsyth, Nathan Schwegmann and coxed by Cayden Fourie had a fantastic season, winning at the provincial regatta, but also winning at the Selborne Sprint regatta, a national event against the best South Africa has to offer. Unfortunately, due to a 'technicality' in the race, it was re-raced where they did not fare as well. As Coach, I still regard it as a win.

The results, ethos and attitude

amongst the 2nd Eight is what bodes well for the future. Rowing is a tough sport, that from the outside elicits questions along the lines of why is it worth it? But rowing is one of those sports that you have to experience, otherwise you will never

understand it. Thank you to the Selborne College leadership team, who, despite never having rowed, support the sport. This does not go unnoticed, and the influence that the sport has on the lives of young Selbornians is immense.



First Team ROWING

Front Row: C Krug, Mr D Hartwanger (Coach), Carter Horrmann (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Thompson
Second Row: C Du Plessis, L Hartwanger, C Steenkamp, A Jakobi
Back Row: E Bowie, C Everts, L Goodwin



Second Team ROWING

Front Row: C Fourie (Cox), Mr D Hartwanger (Coach), C Du Plessis, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), K Sipamla
Back Row: I Lewis (Stroke), N Schwegman, T Stolsie, C Everts, L Forsyth, O Collocot





U16 Team Report

Coach:
Mr M Chandler

The U16 oarsmen of 2025 are one of the smallest groups Selborne College has had, however, they have etched their names into the Selborne College legacy. They only fielded an U16 Pair and a Double by Champs, but also infiltrated the Senior age group to add value.

The U16s had a full season of racing, their hard work and dedication to push through this challenging phase paid off. To see them staying focused, and supporting each other is a true testament to the Selborne College brotherhood. Most notably was the effort of Tyde Scheepers, a promising athlete who managed to break the U16 2km Erg record set by Tristan Page of 6:49. Tyde managed to squeeze out another 3 seconds and push the new record to 6:46. An outstanding achievement for an U16. Tyde and Adam Jakobi placed 3rd in their heat at Champs and were thus narrowly knocked out of the finals. In the sculling boats, Lincoln Sumner and Luke Ristow both gave their all in the Scull and the Double Scull events.

Both Tyde and Adam also rowed in the U19 Coxed Four. Tyde stroked his 4+ to a 3rd place finish in the heats at Champs. Once again they narrowly missed out on the final. Tyde also stroked the 1st Eight this season. A responsibility he carried with pride and executed with maturity beyond his years, an incredible achievement for an U16 athlete.

We look forward to seeing this group of U16's progress to next season. With their current trajectory, the sky is the limit.

U15 & 15 Team Report

Master-in-Charge:
Mr G Mountfort

Coaches:
U15 – Mr L Mona and Mr O Fodo
U14 – Mr G Mountfort

UNDER 15 TEAM

The U15 boys began the season with much enthusiasm, and intensity after the winter sporting season had come to an end. Together with their coaches, who are old boys and past oarsmen, their training and fitness levels were pushed each week. With the start of the racing season looming, the U15s enjoyed a successful rowing camp, which was held the week before schools opened in January.

At the Eastern Cape Rowing Association (ECRA) Championships the U15s produced the following results:
U15 1x: Both Tighe Leighton and Joshua Gangerdine progressed into the U15 sculls final. They finished 5th and 6th respectively.
U15 2x: The double scull of Tighe Leighton and Joshua Gangerdine finished in 2nd place.
U15 B 4x: Selborne entered 3 quads into this event, and the results were as follows:
B Quad stroked by Nomanyama - 2nd
C Quad, stroked by Collocot - 4th
D Quad, stroked by Govind - 5th
The U15 A 4x, stroked by J. Makubalo finished in 3rd position
The race of the day belonged to the U15 A 8x, who finished in 2nd place behind St Andrews by just 1second in what was probably the most exciting race of the day.

In the Selborne Sprint Regatta

the U15 Single Sculls event saw 41 scullers race through 6 heats, where just the 6 fastest scullers would make it into the final. Our scullers finished in the following overall placing: Tighe Leighton – 26th, Dewet Schoeman – 32nd, Joshua Gangerdine 34th and Junior Makubalo – 40th.

Our U15 Double Sculls were very competitive in an event of 4 heats and a total of 27 crews. Our two evenly matched doubles of Tighe Leighton and Joshua Gangerdine, and Junior Makubalo and Dewet Schoeman finished in 9th and 10th places respectively with less than a second separating them.

The U15 4xs faced tough competition in an event which fielded 19 crews. The A 4x (Makubalo) finished 11th, B 4x 16th with the C and D 4xs finishing 18th and 19th in an event which was composed of mostly U15 A 4xs.

The U15 8x (Octopul), stroked by Makubalo put in an impressive performance in the heats which saw them making the final for this event. The crew finished in 6th position in the final.

At the Buffalo Regatta the U15 Single Sculls event saw 38 scullers race through 7 heats, where just the 6 fastest scullers would make it into the final. Our scullers raced well and finished in the following overall placing: Tighe Leighton – 17th, Dewet Schoeman – 23rd, Joshua Gangerdine 27th.

Our U15 double sculls were not able to perform as they did in the Selborne Sprints Regatta and were disappointed following their difficult heat races, and their results did not reflect the ability of the crews.



U15 Team ROWING

Front Row: N Dekeda, S Kwelani, Mr G. Mountfort (Coach), Z Burton, Mr A. Dewar (Headmaster) A Mandondo, L Nomanyama
Middle Row: N Govind, M Pasiya, T Mtintsilana, L Leighton, K Battiss, L Makubalo, B Collocott
Back Row: J Mundell, A Peterson, L Tito, D Schoemann, J Gangerdine, Z Sutton, M Allsobrook, C Careenza, C Neves



The U15 4x's faced up against the same 19 crews who they raced in the Selborne Sprints Regatta. The A 4x (Makubalo) finished 12th, B 4x 16th with the C and D 4x's finishing in 18th and 19th positions.

The U15 8x (Octopul), stroked by Makubalo put in one of their best performances of the season, which included beating the U15 8x of St Andrews College for the first time this season, and qualifying for the final where they finished in 6th position in an impressive performance to end off the weekend's racing.

At SA Schools Championships this year, due to the size of our U15 group and the competitiveness within the age group, the U15's were divided into an A Quad (which also competed in the single sculls and double scull events) and then an A Octopul (which also competed in the U15 Quads event). This enabled us to take 18 boys to compete at the SA Schools Championships in the U15 division.

The single scull is an event which Selborne College traditionally

does not compete in as the boys do not spend much time rowing in this boat class. However, in Friday's racing our 4 scullers did themselves proud, and finished with the following placings: Tighe Leighton – 44th, Joshua Gangerdine – 47th, Dewet Schoeman – 52nd and Junior Makubalo – 60th, in an event

which saw 72 scullers competing in 9 heats.

On Saturday our three U15 quads were part of a field of 39 boats which were raced across five heats. After tough, fast quads rowing they finished in the following positions: A quad (Makubalo) – 19th, B quad (Collocott) – 29th, and the C quad – 33rd.

On Sunday, the final day of racing saw the octopul as well as our two double sculls take to the water. The octopul achieved a respectable 10th place in the heats, which meant that they missed out on the final by 2 places. The double sculls of Tighe Leighton and Joshua Gangerdine, and Junior Makubalo and Dewet Schoeman, raced their best races of the entire season. In an event in which the 40 crews raced in 5 heats, both our crews finished in 2nd place in each of their respective heats. Unfortunately, without there being semi-finals raced, only the top 8 crews made



U14 Team ROWING

Front Row: D Gower, Mr G. Mountfort (Coach), K Mngqeta, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), C Bayman
 Middle Row: A Mokawem, K Mbande, C Wiese, A Reve, S Mokawem, S Winnaar, T Nileki
 Back Row: S Lewis, M Scheel, J Piccolo, S Balfour, Q Lisani

it through to the final. Our boys finished in 11th (Leighton) and 13th (Makubalo) places overall. This is the way a season should finish, with the best saved for last!

UNDER 14 TEAM

The 2024/25 rowing season began with great enthusiasm following a full season of settling into 'rowing life' on the Nahoon Dam. Our new rowing home has offered the boys a clean, unpolluted rowing venue together with increased capacity to build mileage on the water.

Our home on the Nahoon Dam is a work in progress. However each season sees further development and increased infrastructure. I must thank every single person who has been part of this process and for their continued support for the Selborne College Rowing Club.

The under U14 rowing season began a little later in the season due to developments at the dam and time constraints at the end of the school year. However, the new crop of Selborne College oarsmen were excited and began their rowing career with much enthusiasm. The annual January rowing camp proved to offer these young men ample opportunity to develop their rowing technique and build some mileage on the



water before their first racing experience.

The Grey High School U14 Regatta was their first experience of racing. Having had just 3 weeks of rowing, these young men were up for this new challenge. The intensity of getting onto the water and up to the start line, is something that is difficult to teach and train in practice sessions. The Zwartkops River provided its usual challenges, with cross winds and sand banks being difficult to navigate. Although these young men did not come home with any medals, the experience and comradery developed provided the platform for the rest of the racing season. The crews achieved the following results: U14A 4x (Quad) 3rd, U14Bx (Quad) 2nd, U14A 8x (Octopul) 2nd.

The U14 boys got their first experience of racing on the Buffalo River three weeks later, as they competed in the Eastern Cape Rowing Association Championships. In a few weeks, these young oarsmen had gone from learning to row, to being able to compete and race over a 1000m race distance. The standout achievement at ECRA Champs was the 1st place by the U14 8x (Octopul), and the 3rd place achieved by the U14A 4x (Quad).

Due to there not being any U14 events at the Selborne Sprint and Buffalo Regattas, our U14 boys did not race in these regattas. However, they got in a few good weeks of training before heading off to the South African School Rowing Championships.

The U14 8x raced against tough competition in Heat 2 of the Octopul event, finishing just 3 seconds behind Parktown to finish in 5th position in the heat and missing out on a position in the final. The U14 4x's got their first taste of the standard of competition within schools rowing. The U14 4x's event saw 39 crews racing across 5 heats. Both crews put in a good showing, finishing in 29th and 30th positions respectively.



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2025 RUGBY Season

First Team Report

The 2025 season for the Selborne College 1st XV was a journey marked by resilience, hard lessons, and ultimately, growth. While the record shows 10 wins from 19 matches, the numbers tell only part of the story.

We opened our campaign at the Border Schools Rugby Day with a solid performance against Hudson Park. This was followed by a strong win over Marlow at the Graeme College Rugby Day, giving the squad a promising start. We then travelled to the Grey High School Rugby Festival, where we faced two of the top rugby schools in the country: Westville Boys' High and DHS. Despite showing moments of

promise, we went down in both fixtures. These matches proved early in the season that we would need to dig deep to match the country's elite. Next, we returned home for our first derby fixture of the season against Pearson, where we produced a composed and clinical display to record an important victory in front of our home crowd.

We then participated in the KES Easter Festival, where we came up against powerhouse opponents Jeppe and Affies. These were two tough encounters in which we struggled to find rhythm, resulting in disappointing losses. In particular, the match against Affies, one of the strongest schoolboy sides in

Coaches:
Mr A Miles, Mr A Robertson and Mr R Godfrey

Captain:
Liam Hansen

Vice-Captain:
Njongo Mbangwa

the country, demanded every ounce of effort from our boys. Despite the scoreboard, we showed outstanding defensive commitment throughout the game; a display of true Selborne spirit that earned the respect of all who watched. It was a proud



First Team RUGBY

- Front Row: Mr B Burger (Physiotherapist), R Godfrey (Forwards Coach), A Miles, N Mbangwa (Vice-Captain), L Hansen (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), A Robertson (Backline Coach), Mr S Rana (Conditioning Coach)*
- Second Row: A Senekal, O Schmidt, C Fowles, B Nuku, S Jacobsen, L Ngese, U Jikwana, A James, L Bowman, L Bacela.*
- Third Row: L Somana (Analyst), S Buchet, I Kabale, K Qavile, Z Marana, R John-Osunkwo, S van de Venter, S Smith, A Sokujika*
- Back Row: A van Rooyen, T Enslin, C Maree, M Beän, D Stegmann, L Liebenberg, C Weimann*





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moment that highlighted the team's heart and refusal to give in, even against the very best.

The following week saw us travel to Queen's College for an away derby, where we were comprehensively beaten by a dominant Queen's side. It was a humbling result that forced us to reassess our approach and focus on areas where we had fallen short. In the return fixture later in the season, late in the match, we were awarded a penalty in front of the poles. In a bold show of intent and belief, we chose not to kick for the draw but to run the ball in pursuit of a win. Unfortunately, we were unable to convert the opportunity, but the decision reflected the fighting spirit and positive mindset within the group. One of our most disappointing performances came against St Andrew's College, where we were outplayed and taught a tough rugby lesson. This match became a turning point and a source of internal reflection for the squad. Our most difficult test of the season came in a mid-season clash against Grey College, where we suffered a heavy defeat; the largest in school history conceding over 100 points. It was a sobering experience, but also a stark reminder of the levels at which we aspire to compete.

Despite the challenges, the team continued to work hard and turn things around. Gutsy wins followed against Port Rex and Dale College. We had convincing wins over Cambridge, Ooskus, and Stirling which highlighted the attacking potential within the squad, as players began to express themselves with confidence and clarity. The final stretch of the season started with a second victory over Hudson Park, where the team's improved defence and structure began to show. We unfortunately were

not able to beat Dale College in King William's Town. The season concluded in the best possible way with a dominant and emotionally charged performance against our traditional rivals, Grey High School. The team put together one of their best displays of the year, ending the campaign on a high and restoring pride in the jersey.

Several individual performances throughout the year were recognised with provincial honours. We are extremely proud of the following players who were selected to represent Border at the prestigious Craven Week tournament:

- Travis Enslin
- Liam Hansen
- Robert John-Osunkwo
- Luca Liebenberg
- Njongo Mbanga
- Bungqina Nuku
- Oliver Schmidt
- Dominic Stegmann

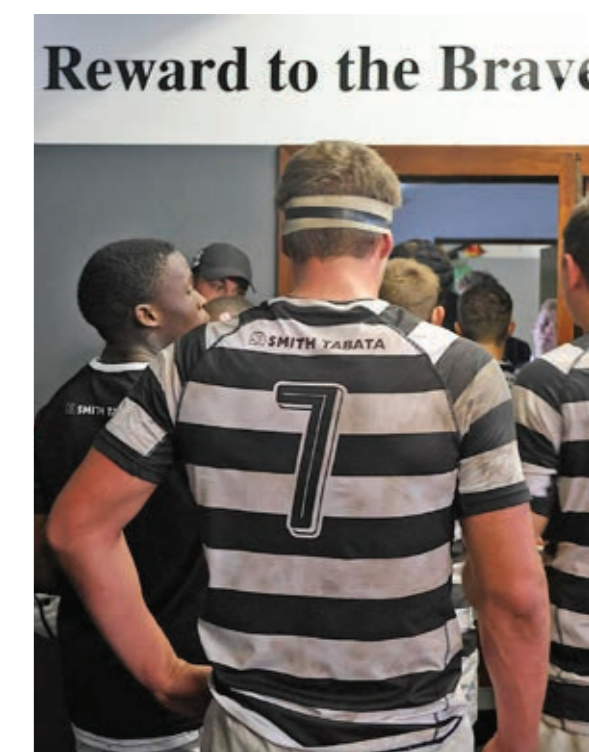
In addition, congratulations go to the following players who were

selected to represent Border at the Academy Week:

- Zothando Mrara
- Chad Weimann
- Aaron Senekal

Their achievements are a reflection of their dedication, talent, and the high standard of rugby that Selborne College continues to produce.

As we reflect on this season, it is clear that while there were moments to celebrate, we must also be honest about where we stand. We know that a great deal more work is required in our preparation if we are to consistently compete at the level for which we are aiming as a rugby-playing school. The lessons of 2025 will serve as a foundation, not just for the next team, but for the next phase of Selborne rugby. There are exciting developments on the horizon for our rugby programme, with renewed focus on structures, coaching, player development, and long-term planning. The future of Selborne



rugby holds great promise, and we are confident that with the right commitment and direction, we will return to competing with the very best.

None of this would have been possible without the dedication of an exceptional support team. I would like to thank my fellow assistant coaches, Adam Robertson (Backline Coach) and Roy Godfrey (Forwards Coach), for their insight, energy, and commitment to the group. A sincere thanks to our Strength and Conditioning Coach, Siya Rana, for the physical preparation and discipline he brought to the squad, and to our dedicated physiotherapist, Braam Burger, for keeping the boys fit and on the field through a long and demanding season. A special word of thanks must also go to Liso Somani, who has served the 1st XV with distinction as team manager over the past few years. His professionalism, passion for the game, and selfless commitment have



been invaluable to the team and the broader rugby programme. I also wish to acknowledge the player leadership group of Liam Hansen, Robert John-Osunkwo and Njongo Mbanga for their outstanding leadership and example throughout the season.

While we did not achieve everything that we had hoped for in terms of results, the 2025 1st

XV embodied the deeper values of schoolboy rugby: resilience, brotherhood, and pride in the jersey. This team took some hard knocks, went into a deep place, and came out stronger. That is the essence of what sport is truly about at this level. To the 1st XV of 2025, thank you for your courage, your character, and your commitment. You have left your mark.

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Second Team Report

Coach:

Mr G Bishop

Assistant Coach:

Mr C du Plessis

Vice Assistant Coach:

Sible Addams

Captain:

Linamandla Ndamase

Vice Captains:

*Tango Ngese and
Avuyile Sokujika*

This season drove me absolutely insane, talk about a slow start, I could feel the grey hairs doubling in numbers. But, when these champions found their rhythm, other teams were in trouble. Once again the motto of the Twos was simple:

- Play every game like it was your last game.
- Give everything you have, every single game.
- Score awesome tries.
- Have loads of fun.

The season started with the majority of the 'manne' being involved with the First Team squad. As mentioned earlier, this group of guys took at least the first 5 games to settle into what the Twos are all about and eventually gelled into one of the best teams with which I have ever had the pleasure of being involved. I couldn't believe that it took the best side in the country (Grey Bloemfontein) to make the Selborne Twos realize their potential. It was so awesome to see.

FORWARDS

Any good performance has to start with a super solid base. The big men upfront working in the dark places doing the hard yards. The leaders of the pack were Tango Ngese, Seth Smith and Daniel Naude who sent the opposition hiding for cover when these beasts were on the run. Backing up these power houses were the hard running, smoking tackles of Luke Bowman, Matthew Tarr and Nic Du Toit who all had dart-like throws in the lineouts. The old saying that you must pick your team around your locks was so true with the Two's. The beam poles of the side were Aiden Freitag, Hlumelo Molosi, Qiniso Mhlambiso and later joined Mbono Gqoboko. These guys were not just jumpers, they were athletes of note. Mobile and as hard as nails were the qualities that characterized these

work-horses. The next clan of gents was one of our massive strengths. These guys could really play. Their speed, tenacity and sheer grit of the loose trio was something to behold. Sam van de Venter, Mitchell Höll, Joy Bacela, Matthew Hartwig, Josh Makay, Uviwe Jikwana and Connor Maree made up the formidable trio which varied at any given time. They would tackle anything, dive anywhere, bounce the biggest guys and keep smiling.

BACKS

The banter between the forwards and backs was never ending. With our Captain "Twinkle Toes" Linamandla Ndamase being the last man standing at number 15. He was an athlete of note on attack and super solid on defense, putting away our lightning fast wings. Out wide we had all the gas in the world with



Second Team RUGBY

- Front Row: S Stampher, Mr G Bishop (Coach), L Ndamase, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), T Ngese, Mr C du Plessis, L Bacela*
- Second Row: Z Nojabolo, L Bowman, C Fowles, N du Toit, M Hartwig, S Jacobsen, T Senar, H Molosi, M Nuku, A Sokujika*
- Third Row: D Naude, Mqoboko, S Addams, S van de Venter, J McKay, D van Biljon, S Smith*
- Back Row: J Hattingh, M Höll, E Freitag, C Weimann, M Tarr, Q Mhlambiso*



was eventually snapped up by the 1st Team. Then we had Joel "I will play any position you want me to play" Hattingh, who put on the 10 jersey after having played 9, 12, 13 & 15. Joel was a team player in the best sense of the word and to have a 10 that never missed a tackle was like gold in the team.

HIGHLIGHTS

Mvuselelo Nuku's massive hit against Dale. Somamela Stamper side-stepping Bungqina at practice; Mbono realizing how 'lekker' rugby is at Selborne; Bow realizing he can run over guys; Avuyile's try against Grey Bloem; Sam van de Venter's team talk; the teams' comeback against

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the likes of Troy Senar, Samora Bushet, Daniel Van Biljon, Zuko Badli, Iviwe Kabale and Zayd Kammies a total of 70% of our tries were scored by these race snakes. These guys would not just score tries, they would put in try saving tackles, reeling the opposition in from behind. Their raw pace was the real deal and appreciated by the team and spectators alike. The positions of 12 and 13 changed every week, each adding their own uniqueness to the team. The ou manne of Avuyile Sokujika and Mvuselelo Nuku cut through many a backline and would shut down opposition's attacks with some massive tackles. Liyema Tafeni came later to the number 12 slot and this saw the opposition shivering in their boots. At 9 we

were lucky to have a variety of players, Connor Fowles who could box kick a ball onto a ticky and Chad Weimann whose bullet pass and pace on the blind side made spectators sit up in their seats. Unfortunately, both players missed a part of the season due to injury. Aaron Senekal graced the 2nds briefly but his talent was spotted and was called up to the 1st Team. Then along came Somamela Stamper, a Cheslin Colby type of 9. Pace, brilliant feet and a massive heart. A massive thanks to Imibongo Magwevana who covered 10 for both Samuel Jacobsen and Joel Hattingh. Samuels smooth style and unshakeable approach gave him the number 10 jersey for the first half of the season and he



Dale; Aiden Freitag stealing lineout ball. Tango running like a wing; Seth and Nic not losing their cool; Mitchell's pink face; Joy and Matt Hartwig's steals; Huges l'll bounce anybody; Mbono and Milo's sleek ball skills; Twinkle toes Ndamase, I say no more; Liyema's gaps; then Avuyile's bounce ended off with Troy and Samora's lightning speed; Joel, 'I'm fine Sir'; Chad's 50m pass;



Matthew Tarr's fringe and the injured guys that had to keep the coach off the field during the game. I know all of these will be back to play some fantastic ruggar in the future; and Samora's smile when he scored.

- Won - 7
- Drew - 1
- Lost - 5

THANK YOUS

A massive thank you goes to Coach Al (Head Coach), coach Roy (Forward coach) and coach Adam (backline coach) for all the help and setting the platform with an incredible pre-season program.

Even a bigger thank you goes to Charles du Plessis for his passion, support and coach control. Charles's unwavering drive to see the boys succeed is something to behold, he deserves half the credit for the team's success.

Thank you to coach Ramsay for feeding great players through to the seconds.

Sihle Addams for his unselfish support and assistance.

A massive thank you to all the parents that supported the Twos throughout the season.

I must mention 3 honorary second

team supporters - Mr Theo for all the advice, Mr Dawie du Toit for the very welcome cooler box full of refreshments and Mr Derek Breetzke for his unwavering support.

Lastly a massive thank you to the players, giving everything they have for the team, you are one of the best teams I have had the privilege of coaching.



Third Team Report

The 2025 season was one built on grit, discipline, and brotherhood — a season where the Sadlers 3rd XV continued to uphold the proud traditions of Selborne rugby, both on and off the field. Each member of the coaching and management staff brought something unique: leadership and energy, sharp tactical insight, vital work behind the scenes, ensuring every session and fixture ran smoothly.

The Sadlers established a culture grounded in hard work, humility, and collective belief. Together, they shaped a structure that balanced professionalism with passion — the essence of Sadlers rugby. This season, the team’s philosophy revolved around a single powerful mindset: “Dungeon Mode.” It was more than just a phrase — it was a mentality. The Sadlers took pride in taking teams “to a dark place,” where fitness, physicality, and



Coaches:
Mr J Ramsay, Mr J Jacobs and Mr S Golozayo

Manager:
Mr W Gumunyu

Captain:
Connor Jacoby



Third Team RUGBY

Front Row: A Jikwana, Mr Gumunyu (Manager), Mr J Ramsay (Coach), Connor Jacoby (Captain) Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Stamper, Z Njoholo
Middle Row: Q Mhlambiso, M Hartwig, C Hartwig, A Ndzundzu, K Qavile, D Naude, H Molosi, M Nuku, Z Njoholo
Back Row: N Du Toit, I Magwevana, A Freitag, L Mpambani, T Sweetnam, M Tarr, A Nyeki



relentless pressure became their biggest weapons. Training sessions weren’t simply preparation — they were battles that built the toughness needed for match day. The team’s focus on defensive dominance and physical presence gave the attack a solid foundation to express



itself with confidence and intent. Led by Captain Connor Jacoby, the Sadlers displayed unity and hunger from start to finish. His leadership and pre-game speeches inspired belief in every player, while his actions on the field set the standard for effort and accountability. Each player who wore the black and white jersey this year understood what

it represented — pride, respect, and responsibility. They played not just for themselves, but for the legacy of those who came before.

The season opened strongly, with statement victories against Pearson, Port Rex, and Hudson Park, where the Sadlers’ trademark intensity and structure shone through. The thrilling one-

point win over Queen’s College and nail-biter against St Andrew’s highlighted the side’s ability to perform under pressure. Even in narrow defeats — such as the return leg against Queen’s and the clash with Grey High — the Sadlers showed character, determination, and a refusal to fold. Each game, win or lose, reflected growth. The boys played with pride and a belief in the system — and in doing so, they built something lasting for the future of Sadlers rugby.

As Head Coach, it was an honour to lead a group of young men who gave their all for one another. The Sadlers of 2025 proved that success isn’t just measured by the scoreboard, but by the effort, commitment, and brotherhood shared within the team. This season, the Sadlers reminded everyone what it means to wear the black and white — to train harder, hit harder, and hold the line together until the final whistle. The foundation laid this year sets the tone for seasons to come.

Won – 7
 Lost – 3
 Drew – 2





Fourth Team Report

Coach:
Mr D Hartwanger

Captain:
Aviwe Jikwana

game, leading from the front, delivering outstanding scrum performances, and running like a loose forward. Aviwe was an excellent captain and a huge asset to the team.

The 4th Team (Raiders) once again enjoyed a successful rugby season. Our first match was against Pearson at home, and despite very little training under the belt the team played some outstanding rugby. One of the goals for the 4th Team is to take risks and be creative. The boys certainly achieved that in game one, scoring 57 unanswered points. Aviwe Jikwana, our outstanding loosehead prop and Raiders veteran, was appointed team captain. Aviwe remained the Raiders captain for the full season, playing in every



The start of the rugby season for the lower half of the open division is always accompanied by large player movements. So over the course of the season numerous players moved up, and others came down. However, despite the regular changes the team performed well to secure eight wins from ten games, scoring a total of 300 points, while only conceding 80.

Joshua Van Loggerenberg and Blake Harvey both played hooker at various times during the season. They were supported on the tighthead side by Qhamani Matiti and Big John Hosking. Matiti and Hosking both improved tremendously at scrum time during the season. Our locking

Matthew Hartwig. These four athletes offered a beautiful blend of skill and work-rate. Rounding out the forward pack was Sivu Mneno at eighthman, and later Daeton Kemp. One of the nice things we can do at 4th Team level is experiment. Mneno was originally a winger, explosive, elusive, but often spent much of the game waiting to get hands on the ball. He shifted to eight, to 'play in the traffic'. He was exceptional, giving us fast attacking ball off a solid set piece, getting over the gain line with ease. His performance against St Andrews was to be reckoned with.



Seconds. However, this gave Zandre September an opportunity to display his skills. His well-timed passes both left and right triggered the backline into action. Our wingers and deadly finishers were Kwakhanyo Dingo and Avuzwa Ndzundzu. The midfield was led by Lukhanyiso Mjo, supported at various stages by Zwelethu Nojahola, Zander Buchner, Jamie Gane, Chris Hartwig and Sanda Goerge. Our 'Rolls Royce' fullback was Sabelo Vuso, who more than once turned a defensive position into full throttle attack with incredible skill, pace, timing and balance. Sabelo was always destined for higher things, however we were well supported by Kwatita Jaceni who came with electrifying pace off the mark.



pairs consisted of Anganathi Myeki, another Raiders veteran, with Cole Everts as well as Grig Antonakis, Michael Russel and the powerhouse Luvo Mpambani. Our army of flanks were led by Daniel Woodin and Ethan Santos, supported by Kyle Wilcox and

The backline revolved around our nine and ten partnership. Our most potent combination was Titus Sweetnam at 9 and Mlibo Nakumba at 10. Titus was too good to go unnoticed and finished the second half of the season playing for Thirds and

Our best game of the season was our match against Cambridge 3rd Team. We had just come off a loss to Grey College where we conceded over 50 points. It was important to get 'back in the saddle', but also to learn our lessons, adapt our game, and move forward. We decided



Fourth Team RUGBY

Front Row: E Santos, L Mjo, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), A Jikwana, Mr D Hartwanger (Coach), S Mneno, S Adonis
Middle Row: Z Büchner, M Hartwig, A Myeki, J Gane, J Fletcher, A Ndzundzu, C Hartwig, Z September, J van Loggerenberg
Back Row: D Woodin, K Wilcox, L Mpambani, J Hosking, T Sweetnam, M Tarr

to experiment! Instead of the more conservative phase play ruck – pod – ruck pattern, we decided to chase a higher paced off-load pattern. This demanded a different level of skill which we actively started practicing. The boys loved it, but would it work in a match? Well, unfortunately for Cambridge everything fired in the game and we ran away with it scoring 70 unanswered points. Admittedly, Cambridge couldn't match our fire power upfront, which is where most games are won and lost, but still the Raiders needed to execute, and they executed, scoring some champagne tries, keeping the ball alive, throwing some ridiculous passes, and running like wild dogs!

- Won - 8
- Lost - 2



Fifth Team Report

This season for me was by far one of the greatest, there were many moments of individual brilliance, but the highlight of it all was how the Weekend Warriors were able to combine each of these and create great team memories. With great lineout throws from our captain James Minnaar, to awesome mauls, and not forgetting some solid running by our centre Sanda

George who ran off a move called danger and flattened a Queen's 5th team player two metres in front of their try line.

In the beginning of the season we saw how there was a lot of individuality, how players would rather not pass than to trust those on their outside. Coming to the end of the season, we looked at how much growth there has been and what was once a somewhat

Head Coach:
Mr R Hector

Assistant Coach:
Mr J Berry

Captains:
James Minnaar and
Kuluyolo Dabi

'selfish'" team had converted into a team that was united. All looking to achieve a common goal, that being to have fun, and play every game like it is their last. This was shown in the last game against Grey PE and our 19 – 5 victory.

Looking at our team and those that have progressed, we can truly say that we are immensely proud of what has



Fifth Team RUGBY

- Front Row: J Minnaar, Z September, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), J Fletcher (Captain), Mr R Hector (Coach), K Horrmann, J Marx
 Second Row: A Vapi, A Thembani, S George, E Santos, G van Heerden, D Kemp, S Tutani, B Snyman, K Ngwabeni
 Third Row: M Gierke, B Gregory, J van Loggerenberg, C Hartwig, J Gane, L Gantsbo, H Nqami
 Back Row: A Ndzundzu, E Lottering, K Wilcox, J Hosking, J Lentz, R Wait, L Gwaza

been accomplished. Boys who started in the 5th Team at the beginning of the season have gone as far as to even bench for the 2nd Team, others have been called to play for both 4th and 3rd Teams which are great accomplishments. There were many individuals who, in the beginning of the season, started out unfit but who have given their time not only at the training sessions, but also at home to improve their fitness. They have even gone so far as assisting the 6th Team in their Wednesday league games in order to achieve this.

It has been a privilege to have been part of this amazing team, we have seen friends become brothers as they scrummed their way through all the teams they played, and we really look forward to seeing everything they will accomplish

- Won - 8
- Lost - 1

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Sixth Team Report

Head Coach:
Mr J du Preez

Assistant Coach:
Mr D Deere

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R Hector and J Berry

Captain:
Khazimla Ngalo

as we produced a sensational turnaround, highlighted by a memorable 38–0 victory over Dale College at home. From that moment, the belief and momentum within the squad grew stronger. This season was built around a dominant forward pack. Our focus on scrumming, carrying forward ball, and forcing turnovers became the backbone of our



The performances from each and every player who ran onto the field for the 6th Team this year were a true reflection of their passion, commitment, and hard work.

Once again, our mighty 6th Team competed in the BCM B-League for 2025, finishing 8th out of 11 first teams — a proud achievement considering the challenges faced throughout the season. We began the campaign with three difficult results, going down to George Randell, Baysville, and our very own 5th Team. However, the character of this group shone through



Sixth Team RUGBY

Front Row: A Nginase, L Zulu, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), C. du Plessis (Captain), Mr D Deere (Coach), Q Tsawe, O Mhaga
Middle Row: O Nkatu, H Qutiya, D Kemp, G van Heerden, A Kathiya, H Nqambi, C Johannes, B Gregory, M Killian, B Snyman
Back Row: L Molosi, A Odendaal, A Freitag, L Gantsbo, B Raubenheimer, E Lottering



This season was extraordinary — filled with highs and lows, but more importantly with growth, lessons, and memories that will last a lifetime. Friendships were built, character was tested, and every player contributed to the success and spirit of the Selborne 6th Team. It was a privilege and an honour to coach such an exceptional group of young men, who carried themselves with pride on and off the field. The future of Selborne rugby is bright if this group is anything to go by.

- Won - 8
- Lost - 8
- Drew - 2

game plan, and it was pleasing to see those aspects executed consistently throughout the year.

Even though the league table did not always reflect our effort, we proved our quality with a statement 29–5 victory over Grey College — a result that will live long in the memory. Several players stood out during the campaign. Our captain, Khazimla Ngalo, led with courage, purpose, and an unrelenting fighting spirit. His leadership embodied what it means to wear the Selborne badge. Another key contributor was Linamandla Njozela, our flyhalf and top points scorer with 52 points. His tactical kicking,

vision, and game management were instrumental in turning matches in our favour. The game of the season came against West Bank's 1st XV. Trailing 24–12 with just 10 minutes to play, the boys produced an incredible comeback to secure a 38–24 win. That performance epitomised the hunger, belief, and never-say-die attitude of this team. Unfortunately, we could not end our season with a win, falling narrowly to Grey High School 19–12 in a fiercely contested match. While the result was not in our favour, the effort and determination displayed



“... Hunger, belief and never-say-die attitude of this team ...”



Coach:
Mr D Deere
Assistant Coach:
Mr J du Preez
Captains:
Sandi Madliki and Leville Zulu

Seventh Team Report

The 2025 season for the 7th rugby team proved to be one of great accomplishments as well as one that will be remembered forever, by myself as well as the boys who played for the team.

The season started on a good note with a draw against the boys from Komani. Despite showing upset for the draw, the boys showed great potential and promise. Our second game proved to be the highlight of our season with a 13-8 victory over Grey College. As a first-time coach this achievement will most likely be one I can look back on with fond memories. The boys showed grit and astonished the Grey parents by playing

expansive rugby with both tries being scored by the backline from set pieces. However, it was only with the addition of the boy's gritty defense where they put their bodies on the line alongside great communication that drove the victory home. As all things do, our moment of happiness also came to an end with our last match of the season ending with a devastating loss to Queen's at home.

Some notable moments during the season would be the absolute defense of our captain, Leville Zulu against Queen's where he showed the boys from Komani how to tackle. Also the game winning try by Lwando Gwazo against Grey Bloemfontein where he scored an intercept try from our own 22 in the dying minutes of the game, to win after being down to the Grey boys 8-8, ending the match 13-8 in our favor.

- Won - 1
- Lost - 1
- Drew - 1

“... As a first-time coach this achievement will most likely be one I can look back on ...”

U16A Team Report

Coach:
Mr J Alderman
Assistant Coach:
Mr S Naidoo
Assistants:
Messrs C du Plessis & N Ngobe
Captain:
Riley Hansel

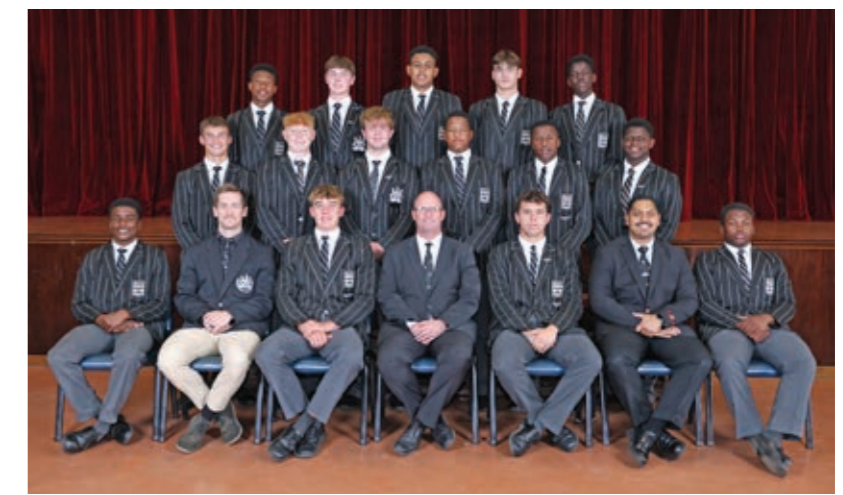


The U16 age group in 2025 is perhaps the most depleted group Selborne has had in living memory. From the U13A team that left the Primary school, to their current grade U16 year, nearly two thirds of the A team rugby players have moved on to other schools. After enduring a difficult 2024 season where they won just five matches, this season was always set up to be a challenging one.

The group demonstrated a desire to improve and showed massive development, on and off the field, as the season began. After a narrow win in their first game against Marlow Landbouskool, the team went on tour to the Grey High Festival and got a rude awakening against strong SACS and Rondebosch teams.

The team enjoyed mixed results in the second term once the regular season commenced.

The team recorded good wins vs Pearson, Port Rex and Dale where the team appeared to show signs of development. On the other hand the team suffered a humiliating defeat against Queen's in Queenstown, a huge loss in a complete mismatch vs Grey College and an agonising loss to St Andrew's College in Grahamstown, where the team turned down a draw in pursuit of a win. The team did well to recoup and began to play some truly



U16A Team RUGBY

Front Row: L Manana, Mr J Alderman (Coach), R Hansel (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), R Els, S Naidoo (Assistant Coach), O Mqashane
Middle Row: N van de Venter, R Rasmussen, A Jakobi, Q Ngxazizi, I Metu, O Magadla
Back Row: N Daniel, T Scheepers, M van der Byl, D Rushmere, S Msengana

entertaining rugby against a good Cambridge team and Stirling.

During the winter school holidays, the team was fortunate enough to have eight Border representatives at the U16 Grant Khomo week held in Pretoria. While the team struggled, winning one of three games, the Selbornians did themselves and the school proud.

When the third term kicked off, the team lost additional players to other schools as well as to injuries. The team suffered a

setbacks, and a depleted squad, the team showed real character. Fielding a team that consisted of a forward pack that was missing six players from the one that started the season, the team overturned the humiliation suffered at the Rec and won a thrilling game at home against Queen's. The "Saints", as the team became affectionately known, also played some enterprising rugby away against Dale to score a big win. Ultimately, the final game against a strong



- Won - 9
- Lost - 7

Players selected for Border u16A Grant Khomo Team:

- Qaphela Ngxazizi
- Reese Rasmussen
- Adam Jakobi
- Daniel Rushmere
- Tyde Scheepers (withdrew)
- Rosh Els
- Josh Wilkie
- Riley Hansel
- Eddie Malinzi

“... The group demonstrated a desire to improve and showed massive development ...”

difficult loss to Hudson Park to start the term, again turning down the chance to draw the fixture and coming up short. The team had to endure harsh criticisms from both their peers and the public. They had the choice of fronting up for the remaining three fixtures or folding. In spite of the

Grey High School team was a step too far and the team went down by a big score in their final game together as a team.

While this group still has lots of work ahead, there are many successes the "Saints" can take into open rugby.



U16B Team Report

Coach:
Mr C du Plessis

Captain:
Qhayiya Mqomboti

The Titans of 2025 had an exciting season of continuous improvement backed by their ever increasing determination to push each other to the limit and a special brotherhood that was cultivated within the team. The team also showed serious growth from their performances last year thanks to this change in mindset.

They came into this year as a group known for dropping their heads when things got tough and exited the 2025 season as a bunch of war dogs that fought tooth and nail through injuries and adversity in pursuit of

victory and edification.

A few special moments: The dominance over Pearson and the Parkies; Lutho's last minute equalizer in the corner against St. Andrews after the team fought back from a 8 point deficit; the 'show no mercy' attitude in their 79-0 win against Stirling High; and finally the peak of our season - the away win against Dale College with Phill Jared slicing up the Amadoda's defensive line, and Tyson scoring a pearler under the sticks to seal their fate in a narrow encounter resulting in a 19-13 result. The boys finished off the season with a respectable performance against The Grey, scoring a maul try against one of the strongest forward packs in the country and showing grit and determination until the very end.

What an absolute privilege it was to coach these young men, I am immeasurably proud of

each player that worked and fought towards the Titans' goals. I'm sure that they will add tremendous value to the open division of the College.

- Won - 5
- Lost - 3
- Drew - 2

U16C Team Report

Coach:
Mr C du Plessis

Captain:
Qhayiya Mqomboti

The 2025 rugby season has been a truly rewarding journey for the U16C team. Over the course of 10 matches, the team showed incredible growth, determination, and resilience. With a record of 6 wins, 3 losses, and 1 draw, the players demonstrated their evolving skills and commitment to the game.

It has been a privilege to witness these young men grow, not only as athletes but also as teammates. The dedication, hard work, and passion they brought to each match were evident throughout the season. Every player has shown significant improvement, whether it was in their individual performance, team coordination, or understanding of rugby strategy.

The blend of talent and hard work was clear in the victories, but it was equally clear in the losses, where the team showed character and resolve, always striving to learn and improve. The draw was



U16B Team RUGBY

- Front Row: L Yedwa, U Mdepa, Mr C Du Plessis (Coach), Q Mqomboti, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), B Bara, L Mhlaba
 Middle Row: A Leqani, C Whelan, I Ngalo, L Zazi, E Diniso, J Rance, N Daniel, E van der Bergh, S Ngubelanga
 Back Row: L Ncoko, A Mtimba, Z September, L Deliwe, B Abrahams, P Fransman

a testament to their ability to battle through tough situations and find ways to stay in the game when the odds were against them.

I am truly excited to see how these players will continue to develop as rugby players. Their potential is immense, and I have no doubt that many of them will go on to achieve great things in rugby. It has been a pleasure to be part of this team's journey, and I look forward to seeing them grow into great players in the seasons to come.

Won - 6
Lost - 3
Drew - 1



U16C Team RUGBY

Front Row: Z September, U Mdepa, Mr J Vermaak (Coach), I James, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), I Ngalo, L Msweli
Middle Row: A Qobongoshe, N Du Plessis, A Melane, O Qomiyana, C Kieck, A Siko, M Masoka, N Mfana
Back Row: Z Mpande, J Rance, A Jack, M Pupuma, E Freitag, P Minnar, M Mabula

U16D Team Report

Coach:
Mr D Hartley

Captain:
Caylum Kieck

- vs Stutterheim High (home): Won 29-28
- vs Queen's College (home): Won 5-0
- vs Dale College (home): Won 40-0
- vs Grey High (home): Won 12-5

The U16D Team of 2025 was a team filled with passionate Selbornians who continuously put their bodies on the line for their school. It was a pleasure coaching a group of passionate players and watching the boys express themselves on the rugby field.

Won - 7
Lost - 1
Drew - 1

MEMORABLE MATCHES:

- vs Queen's College (away): Won 12-10
- vs Grey Kollege (away): Drew 26-26



U16D Team RUGBY

Front Row: A Qobongoshe, E Freitag, Mr D Hartley (Coach), C Kieck (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), T Ludziya, H Sibozo
Middle Row: B Bara, A Mdululwa, Y Mbula, M Ndiki, D Swanepoel, Q Peters, A Siko, A Kunase, K Klein
Back Row: M Coetser, M Kambule, J Bauer, M Pupuma, A Jack, Z September, O Qomiyana

U15A Team Report

The 2025 season was an outstanding one for the U15A "Barbarians" — a group of talented, hardworking, and passionate young men who represented Selborne rugby with pride and determination. From the first whistle of the season, it was clear that this was a side built on commitment, camaraderie, and a genuine love for the game.

At home, the Ba-Bas were a force to be reckoned with. They played some superb rugby in front of their supporters — displaying flair on attack, grit on defence, and a deep sense of team unity. Away from home, the results didn't always go our way, but what stood out was their refusal to give up. Even in tight contests and difficult conditions, the boys fought for every inch and made every game competitive. Their resilience and character in those moments spoke volumes about the type of players — and people — they are becoming.

The team's record of 10 wins from 16 fixtures is a reflection of the effort and consistency they brought throughout the season. However, beyond the results, what truly impressed me was their professionalism and maturity. Their commitment to early morning gym sessions, tough pre-season training, and continuous improvement was exceptional for a group of players their age.

This side has the potential to become something truly special in the years ahead. The foundation they've built — through hard work, discipline, and a shared desire to improve — will serve them well as they

Coaches:
Mr J Jacobs and Mr J Ramsay

Captain:
Sakhumzi Peti



U15A Team RUGBY

Front Row: A Mandondo, Mr J Ramsey (Coach), J Vickers (Vice-Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Peti (Captain), Mr J Jacobs (Coach), L Ntamo
Middle Row: I Matshela, O Gcanga, L Moni, H Langeveldt, M Tshangana, L Nqikashe, C Coetzer, M Pretorius, A Dlova
Back Row: N Ketelo, N Goedhals, N Boonzaier, D van Rooyen, M Aliva, L Maphinda
Absent: S Dyantyi and I Ludlala



move toward higher levels of rugby at Selborne.

The 2025 U15A Ba-Bas have been one of my favourite teams to coach since I began my rugby journey. Their spirit, dedication, and love for the game made every session and match day an absolute pleasure. I have no doubt that many of these boys will go on to form the core of a very special 1st XV in the near future.

- Won - 10
- Lost - 6



U15B Team Report

Coach:
Mr J Boshoff

Captain:
M Pretorius

The 2025 season has been a memorable one for the team, finishing with an impressive record of seven wins and four losses, a reflection of the countless long hours spent in the gym and on the training fields. The squad's immense work ethic



U15B Team RUGBY

- Front Row:** A Mandondo, Mr J Boshoff (Coach), I Machele, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Pretorius, Mr G Littleford (Coach), S Goni
Middle Row: L Gede, O Magongoma, A Peterson, K Bechoo, M Kretzmann, C Smit, A Dlova, C Miles, Z Burton
Back Row: S Goni, A Njokweni, M Goedhals, Y Mbalo, Z Sutton, C Mcdonagh, A Molosi

was evident in every fixture, with each player contributing to a season of growth, resilience, and commitment.

Central to this success were the standout performances of several individuals who consistently lifted the team. Hlumelo Lusiki, named one of the players of the season, was a dominant force, combining powerful ball carrying with excellent support play, proving himself as a vital link in both attack and defense. Leadership was also a key feature this

season, with captain Matthew Pretorius setting the standard through his exceptional discipline, vision, and drive, making him not only an outstanding leader but also one to watch for the future. At flyhalf, Imibongo Matshele emerged as a standout player, taking control of matches with composure and skill, effectively "running the show" and guiding the team's attacking play. The defining moment of the season came in Queenstown against traditional rivals Queen's, where the boys produced a remarkable

comeback. Trailing 0–17 with just 12 minutes to play, they displayed true grit and determination to overturn the deficit and secure a 19–17 victory. That unforgettable triumph encapsulated the spirit of the team—resilient, hardworking, and united.

Overall, this season will be remembered as one where the team grew in character and left an enduring mark of pride.

- Won - 7
- Lost - 4

U15C Team Report

Coach:
Mr G. Mountfort

Captains:
Matthew Kretzmann and Sibongile Sotomela

The Under 15C rugby side enjoyed a successful season, conceding just three losses during the season to Grey College, Grey High School and Queen's College (in Komani). The side played a total of 9 games

with 6 wins, 3 losses, scoring a total of 221 points for, with 162 points against us.

There were 2 standout games this season where this side showed their true character, ability and grit. Facing Dale College in Qonce is never an easy task, and this side was able to hold on to their narrow lead in a tense game to become eventual winners against a very motivated Dale College side, 24 – 22. The other game was our home fixture against Queen's College. Following a narrow loss to Queen's, 12 – 15, early on in the season, (away, in Komani), we proved too strong for this Queen's side back at home. From kick-off we dominated and controlled the game by playing our brand of rugby, and proving eventual winners in beating Queen's 47 – 0.

Other wins during the season were against Cambridge (U15B), winning both the home 37 – 17, and away fixture 26 – 14, and a good win against Dale College at home 41 – 12.

Both Grey College and Grey High School showed their dominance and strength in 'age-group' rugby



U15C Team RUGBY

- Front Row:** Z Burton, D Meyer, Mr G. Mountfort (Coach), M Kretzmann, Mr A. Dewar (Headmaster), Y Mbalo, M Skweyiya
Middle Row: L Peter, L Siziba, I Matika, C Mc Donagh, C Smit, C Neves, C Sweetman, T Mtintsilana
Back Row: A Sogoni, A Mbaye, O Nayo, M Allsobrook, A Njokweni

by beating us in both games; 0 – 54 and 0 – 28 respectively.

It was very encouraging to watch how the team matured and developed throughout the season. A number of the boys showed a keenness for the game and were willing to train, and play hard. Many of the



boys also had some good game-time for the U15B Team during the season.

Their passion for and enjoyment of the game was evident in this team right from the first practice. Being able to coach them during this season was an absolute privilege.

- Won - 6
- Lost - 3



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U15D Team Report

Coach:
Mr L Siebert

Captain:
Christian Keet

Vice-Captain:
Mivuyo Skweyiya

The boys unfortunately did not have many games this season but all matches that they played were of a high quality. The boys displayed a keen interest to play and enjoy rugby throughout the year even when facing the toughest of opponents. The match results of two wins out of five games does not do these boys justice. The level of improvement and growth that took place this year was truly exceptional.

I am sure that in the 2026 rugby season many of these boys will make a name for themselves.

- Won - 2
- Lost - 3



U15D Team RUGBY

- Front row:** D Stoffels, O Nakalebe, Mr L Siebert, L Matyolo, Mr A Dewar, D Meyer, S Kwelani
- Middle row:** N Dzengwa, A Kelepu, C Gardner, T Ntintsilana, C Neeves, C Sweetman, M Skweyiya, L Noanyama, O Manengelele, O Best
- Back row:** V Maliza, A Mbaye, M Allsobrook, J Gangerdine, O Nayo, T Buss, S Sofika,

U14A Team Report

Coaches:
Mr T Warren and Mr J Kruger

Captain:
Jaidyn van Tonder

The U14A team has enjoyed a successful rugby season this year, beginning with our annual trials. Many of the older boys at Selborne College came to observe the emerging talent, eager to see what the future held.

Our first match of the season was against Hoërskool Marlow at the Graeme Rugby Festival. With a completely new group of players and nerves running high, there was a sense that this team could be something special. After a well-contested and exciting game, Selborne emerged victorious with a 12–9 win.

Next, we faced fixtures at the Grey High Rugby Festival, taking on Muir College and





Saint Charles. We walked away with two more wins — 50–0 against Muir and 14–7 against St Charles. However, the celebrations were bittersweet, as one of our players, Oscar Vickers, sustained a serious ankle injury that ended his season.

Our first derby day was against Hoërskool Pearson, where the U14A side delivered an outstanding performance, winning 52–5. The following game brought our first loss of the season against a tough and well-conditioned Queen’s College side. The 7–15 defeat carried many valuable lessons for the team.

College. It was a grueling encounter, and we suffered a heavy 5–82 defeat. It was a bitter pill for both players and coaches to swallow, but it brought important lessons and highlighted the work still ahead. We closed Term 2 with a much-needed 56–0 win against Cambridge High School, restoring confidence.

After the mid-year break, our first game was against Stirling High School. It proved more competitive than expected, but we managed a 10–5 win. Facing Hudson Park High, the boys put in a mammoth effort and came away with a 35–10 victory. Next



We bounced back with a 33–12 win over Port Rex, followed by a strong second-half performance against Dale College at home, securing a 21–10 victory. Our next trip was to Grahamstown to face Saint Andrew’s College, where the team pulled off an incredible 47–3 win.

Then came our toughest challenge of the year: Grey



which we had hoped.

Despite the ups and downs, we consistently reminded the boys why they play the game. As a young team with much still to learn, the lessons from this season will serve them well in their rugby journeys at Selborne College.

It has been a privilege to work with such a humble and coachable group of young men. We wish them all the best as they continue to grow as ambassadors of Selborne College rugby.

Won - 11
Lost - 4
Drew - 1



U14A Team RUGBY

Front Row: Mr T Warren (Coach), J Van Tonder (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), Z Siwundla, Mr J Kruger (Coach)
Middle Row: JP Neethling, K Peter, B Johnny, J Van Bronckhorst, S Msweli, T Gabela, B Makalima
Back Row: R Buret, T Booi, A Botha, A Mponco, S Tembani

was Ooskus Gimnasium, where we secured a 31–5 win on a windy day.

With a second encounter against Queen’s College looming, the team knew the challenge ahead. Unfortunately, a poor first-half performance cost us the game, and despite a stronger second half, we lost 15–27.

Our second-last fixture was against Dale College in King

William’s Town. After a fierce and gutsy battle from both sides, the game ended in a 5–5 draw, reflecting the competitive spirit between the two schools.

The final game of the season was against Grey High School. After an impressive season, the team and coaches hoped for a strong finish. However, Grey proved too dominant, and we ended the season with a 3–60 loss—certainly not the conclusion for



U14B Team Report

Coach:
Mr S Siebert

Captain:
Sechaba Pefole



The boys had a very tough preseason, putting in the hard graft on the field in anticipation for what was to come. This, however, prepared us for the long rugby season ahead.

We started off the season with five wins on the trot, winning games against Pearson, Queen's, Dale, Port Rex and St Andrews. This was a good lead up to the much anticipated match against Grey College. The opposition of Grey College were unfortunately in a different league to us and as a team we went back to the drawing board. This defeat brought our team closer together and enabled our feet to stay

“... The core players always remained calm and were able to ensure we got over the line in tricky situations ...”

firmly on the ground for the rest of the season. We went on to be victorious against Hudson and Stirling as well as getting the double over our rivals Dale and

Queen's in Term 3. It all came down to our last game against a very strong Grey High side. The boys gave it their all but unfortunately went down, fighting in a really good match of rugby which we lost 5-19.

Sechaba Pefole and Simthembile Kabane must be commended for their leadership throughout the season. The team was constantly changing due to players being called up to the 14A team because of injuries or due to them standing out, and their hard-work and talent being recognised. The core players always remained calm and were able to ensure we got over the line in tricky situations even if we weren't playing at our best. I really enjoyed coaching these young men and I can't wait to see some of them representing the 1st XV in a couple of years' time.

- Won – 9
- Lost - 2



U14B Team RUGBY

Front Row: S Kabane, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Pefole (Captain), Mr S Siebert (Coach), Z Maselwa
Middle Row: O Mabengu, A Majola, C McIntyre, K Qongqo, C Kent, H Tom, N Ifenatuora
Back Row: A Mxokozeli, D Fourie, M Swanepoel, B Hansel, S Kente

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U14C Team Report

Coaches:

Mr P Coetzee and
Mr C Fourie

Captain:

Jarred Anderson

The U14C Rugby team had an excellent season losing only 1 match to Grey Bloemfontein 15-17. They beat all the other teams, playing convincingly, and amassing 397 points with only 34 against.

These young men were a pleasure to coach and gave it their all in practices and matches. The forwards laid a solid foundation for the backs to run freely. The forwards dominated up front in all the games played and even gave the Grey Bloemfontein pack as good as they received. The backs, although small, showed skill and determination and scored many great tries.

May these players have the skills, passion and determination to make it to First Team level one day. We will watch their progress with interest. Thank you to the boys for an awesome season, they made our job as coaches enjoyable and rewarding. Finally, thank you to the loyal band of parents that supported all our games, it was greatly appreciated.

- Won - 8
- Lost - 1



U14C Team RUGBY

- Front Row: Mr C Fourie (Coach), D Fourie, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), J Anderson, Mr P Coetzee (Coach)
- Middle Row: K Mnqeta, C Wiese, N Fox-Gower, Q Lisani, J van Rensburg, K Gardner, O Banzi, O Siwahla
- Back Row: K Peinke, S Balfour, S Kente, D Summers, R Britz, K Qonqo, A Msikinya

U14D Team Report

Coach:

Mr A Somana

This team is not just participating in rugby — they are building a legacy. From their very first training session, it was clear that this group embodies the true spirit of the game: resilience, teamwork, and pride in wearing the black and white.

2025 Season Results:

- Selborne College vs Queen's College – Lost 38–10 (Away)
- Selborne College vs Dale College – Won 35–12 (Home)
- Selborne College vs Grey College – Lost 62–0 (Away)
- Selborne College vs



U14D Team RUGBY

- Front Row: C Bayman, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), V van Heerden, Mr A Somana (Coach), K Mnqeta
- Middle Row: S Bouic, Q Duda, A Ngxanga, O Banzi, A Mpayiphelo, L Goni, R Plekker, O Siwahla
- Back Row: C Wiese, D Van Huyssteen, S Balfour, L Mbane, M Gqoboka, S Lewis, B Leserwane



- Cambridge High School U14C – Won 33–7 (Home)
- Selborne College vs Queen's College – Won 19–10 (Home)
 - Selborne College vs Grey High – Lost 53–0 (Home)

A heartfelt thank you to the Selborne College U14C team for stepping up to play internal matches with us. Your intensity and teamwork added immense value to our growth this season.

To the U14 Dream Team — thank you for your hustle, heart, and dedication. I am incredibly proud of the effort you brought every single day. Keep pushing, keep growing, and keep playing with passion. I may be watching from afar, but I am always rooting for you.

- P - 6
- W - 3
- L - 3

Selborne SQUASH Season

Teacher-in-Charge's Report

The Squash club has had an exceptional year. A big thank you must again go to the committed teachers.

At the Standard Bank St Andrews Festival in Bloemfontein in February, the Selborne First Team beat St John's 5 – 1, King Edward VII 5-1, Maritzburg College 4-2,

Teacher-in-Charge:
Mr W. Paxton

Staff:
Mr G. van Heerden, Mr C. Geldenbuys and Mr J. Blundell

Captain:
Jody Emslie

St Stithians 6-0 and St Andrews (Bloemfontein) 5-1.

The 1st Team also did well at the Dave Hodgson squash festival hosted by St Andrews College. They beat Queen's College 6-0, St Andrews College 6-0 and Grey High 4-2 .

On the Derby days the 1st Team won all their matches.

In the Border League the 1st Team dominated. The 2nd and 3rd Teams shared their wins and losses.

We attended the Top Schools tournament at Epworth in Pietermaritzburg achieving first position this year after beating Rondebosch 4-1, Maritzburg College 4-1, Strand High School 5-0, St Andrews (Bloemfontein) 5-0 and Grey High 3-2, therefore receiving Gold Medals and the Top Schools Trophy.

The following boys made the Border provincial teams:

- U19A: Jody Emslie, Wian Fourie, Raphael Videler, Owami Nkatu and Ethan Groenewald. Daniel van Biljon also made a Border side but was unable to attend due to a knee injury.
- U16A: Joshua Edwards and Daniel Tarr
- U14A: Reece Earl and Noah Gower

Congratulations to Jody Emslie and Wian Fourie on their SA selection. They will be travelling to Malaysia in December. We are very proud of them. WELL DONE!



AWARDS

- The Most Improved Squash Player: Elih Prinsloo
- The Most Enthusiastic Senior Squash Player: Raphael Videler
- The Top Junior Squash Player: Daniel Tarr
- The Top Senior Squash Player: Wian Fourie
- Honours awards were given to: Jody Emslie and Wian Fourie while Raphael Videler, Joshua Edwards, Owami Nkatu and Ethan Groenewald received Colours Awards.



First Team SQUASH

Front Row: Mr W Paxton (Coach/Manager), J Emslie (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), W Fourie, Mr G van Heerden (Coach)
Back Row: J Edwards, R Videler, E Groenewald, O Nkatu



Second Team SQUASH

Front Row: Mr W Paxton (Coach), B Arnold, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), D Tarr, Mr G van Heerden (Coach)
Back Row: N Fox-Gower, T Stephen, R Earl, E Prinsloo.

2025 SWIMMING Season

Master-in-Charge's Report

The Selborne College swimmers enjoyed a highly successful and busy season, representing their school and clubs with distinction at various regional and national championships.

At the Inter-House Gala outstanding individual

100m Backstroke and a 12-year-old record in the 50m Backstroke.

The Hudson Park Sprint Gala included the following medallists:

- U16 50m Freestyle: Riley Cook – silver and Wyl Wright – bronze
- U19 50m Freestyle: Ben Arnold – bronze

Master-in-Charge:
Mr B. Ashmead

Captain:
Benjamin Arnold

medallists Tiaan Wessels, Jedd Cook, Riley Cook, Wyl Wright, Jordan Coetzee, Alister Attwell, and Ben Arnold. The Mixed Freestyle Relay (3 Selborne, 3 Clarendon) team of Ben Arnold, Riley Cook, Wyl Wright won gold.

At the Eastern Cape Trials at Newton Park, Gqeberha the top 3 placings were as follows:

- Jedd Cook (U14–15):
1st 200m Freestyle
2nd Individual Medley
3rd 50m Backstroke
- Wyl Wright (U16):
1st 100m Butterfly

- 2nd 50m Butterfly
- 3rd 100m Freestyle
- Liam Odendaal (U17–18):
2nd 100m Breaststroke
3rd 50m Breaststroke
- Ben Arnold (U17–18):
1st 50m Backstroke
1st 200m Freestyle
1st 100m Backstroke

Following their outstanding performances, Jedd Cook and Wyl Wright were selected to represent Eastern Cape Aquatics at the SA Schools Swimming Championships in Bloemfontein from 5–7 April.



performances included:

- U14: Reese Buret – 5 wins
- U16: Riley Cook – 4 wins
Wyl Wright – 2 wins
- U19: Ben Arnold – 6 wins
- Victor Ludorum Winners:
U14: Reese Buret
U16: Riley Cook
U19: Ben Arnold

- Medley Relay: Riley Cook, Wyl Wright, Lian Odendaal, and Ben Arnold – silver
- Mixed Freestyle Relay (3 Selborne, 3 Clarendon): Ben Arnold, Riley Cook, Wyl Wright – gold

Congratulations to Fuller House, the overall winners of the gala. A special mention must go to Riley Cook, who broke two longstanding records – a 40-year-old record in the U16

Congratulations to the Stirling High School Gala



the Selborne team finished 2nd overall. Congratulations to Riley Cook, who won all three of his races. Gold was also won by Jed Cook (50m Backstroke), Jordan Coetzee (100m breaststroke) and Lian Odendaal (50m and 100m breaststroke)

- Riley Cook: Two 6th-place finishes, one 7th-place and two bronze medals (4x100m Freestyle and 4x100m Medley Relays)

While at the Regional Level Championships Jedd Cook put in a strong performance and Alister Attwell won 2 gold and 1 silver medal.

At the SA National Junior Age Group Championships the following medals were won:

- Ben Arnold: Gold – Mixed 4x100m Freestyle Relay and bronze – Men's 4x100m Freestyle Relay (with Riley Cook)

Selborne College congratulates all its swimmers for their dedication, teamwork, and continued excellence throughout a remarkable 2025 season.

The Inter-Districts Gala in George featured teams from Nelson Mandela Bay, Cape Town, and Eden Aquatics. The medallists were:

- Ben Arnold (U15+):
2nd 400m Freestyle
2nd 50m Freestyle
- Wyl Wright (U15–16):
3rd 50m Butterfly

At the BCA High Schools Gala





Selborne TENNIS Season

Master-in-Charge's Report

Master-in-Charge:
Mr J Sparg

Staff:
Messrs G Grotjohn, B Nel and
Ms B Kelepu

Captain:
Jack Green



The 2025 calendar got off to an early start with the Merrifield Tournament at the end of January. In the pool stage, the Selborne First Team recorded wins over Cradock High School (8-4) and St Andrew's College (8-4) before going down to a strong Stirling High School side (5-8). Narrowly missing out on the finals match, the team beat Merrifield College to finish the tournament in third position. Soon after the tournament, Liam Viviers and

Uyintando Malotana represented the Eastern Cape at the Inter-Provincial Tournament in Pretoria, where the team performed admirably. Elijah Van Der Berg was chosen for the Synergy Cup Team.

The second term saw the unfolding of the U15 League, which, sadly, drew in fewer school entries than previous years. The young Selborne side did well to record a 3-3 draw against Stirling High School, while the match



First Team TENNIS

Front Row: Mr G Grotjohn (Coach), L Viviers, Mr J Sparg (MiC), J Green (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster)
Back Row: T Malotana, A Louw, E Van der Berg, N Malotana, B Malotana

against Merrifield College was rained out. Meanwhile, the First Team attended the 23rd Tjaart Vorster Tennis Tournament hosted by Hoer Landbouskool Marlow in Cradock from the 19th to 22nd February. The tournament drew in 16 first teams from across the country, many of them with young players that had represented their provinces/country in the recent year. In the pool results, the Selborne side beat Hoerskool Upington (20-7), lost to eventual champions, Pearson High School (6-22) and, after losing a day due to rain, beat Marlow 13-5.

Finishing second in the pool, qualified the side for the quarter-finals, where they came up



Top Squad TENNIS

Front Row: M Pretorius, Mr G Grotjohn (Coach), L Viviers, Mr J Sparg (MiC), J Green (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), R Grassi
Middle Row: B Kaschula, T Malotana, G Van Heerden, A Louw, E Van der Berg, N Malotana, B Malotana, J Smith
Back Row: L Makaleni, J Holmes, M Loraine-Grews, Corbin Wright, Z Paxton, L Tyler, B Kirsten

against a strong Hermanus High School Team. After losing 3-13, the team bounced back to finish

strong with an 18-7 victory over Cradock High School, thereby ending the tournament in 7th

“... The tournament continues to be one of the largest mixed-doubles focused tournaments ...”



position. Special mention must be made of Jack Green who won all of his matches, while Babalwe Malotana won 6 out his 7 matches.

There was no rest for the First Team, who then hosted the nineteenth edition of the Selborne College Tennis Tournament, with their sister school Clarendon High School. The tournament continues to be one of the largest mixed-doubles focused tournaments in the country and aims to promote tennis amongst Eastern Cape schools. The Selborne/Clarendon results in the pool stages were as follows: beat Invitational Side (34-2); beat Merrifield College (32-5); lost to Pearson High School (10-25). Finishing second in their pool, the team faced Stirling High School in the semi-finals, whose girls were too strong for our Clarendon partners. The Selborne/Clarendon team lost 5-20 and moved on to face Grey High/Collegiate in the 3rd/4th place playoff. After splitting points in the singles matches, the home team ran away with the contest, 20-10, earning the 3rd place finish. We congratulate Uyintando Malotana for being chosen as the Best Number 5 Player, and Jack Green on winning 7 out of his 8 matches.

The quieter second term began with derby action as we hosted the strong Pearson High School First Team. The match was played in good spirit, with the visitors claiming the 2-10 victory. Soon afterwards the team travelled to Bloemfontein to take on the Grey College First Team. Grey has consistently been one of the top 3 tennis schools in the country and boasts a rich history of provincial and national players. It was a tough contest, with Grey winning the fixture without the loss of a match. It was a big learning curve for our young side who were left with much

to consider going forward. The second term also saw our senior teams participate in the Senior League. Good, strong, competitive tennis was on offer, with our first side winning all of their matches, barring the Stirling High School encounter.

Moving into the third term, the First Team once again headed to Cradock for the Marlie Moolman Tennis Tournament hosted by Cradock High School. Run in a similar format to the Tjaart Vorster Tournament, the town becomes a hive of tennis activity, with every available school and club court occupied by strong tennis action. While missing out on the Grey High School derby day in East London, the team faced them in their opening pool match. Sadly, the result did not go our way, losing 2-7. The team then enjoyed a solid 7-2 win against hosts Cradock High School before narrowly overcoming

the Hoerskool Punt (Mosselbay) challenge 5-4.

Owing to their second-place pool finish, the team qualified for the quarter-finals, where they came up against local rivals Stirling High School. After splitting the singles matches 3-3, Stirling pulled ahead in the doubles, running out 5-4 victors. For positions 5-8, the team faced the Marlow side, winning 5 singles matches to move into the 5th/6th playoff without needing to play any doubles matches. In the final match, the team came

against Stirling High School, they enjoyed victories in all their other fixtures. The third term drew to a close with an impromptu away fixture against St Andrew's College. We thank Mr Van Heerden for accompanying the side, who enjoyed a 9-3 victory.

The fourth term saw the Top 10 players take on the experienced Old Boys team. The former school players (ranging from 24 to almost 70 years old) brought out their crafty tennis skills to win the annual event 4-1. In the Tennis



up against Grey High School again. They held their heads up high, improving on their pool result to push the opposition into the deciding match at 4-4. Unfortunately, the result did not go our way, with Grey winning the final doubles match 10-7 and the fixture 5-4. Nevertheless, a 6th place finish was a pleasing result for the young Selborne side.

While the First Team battled it out with Grey at the tournament, the Second Team hosted their Grey counterparts as part of the derby day action in East London. The inexperienced side did well to challenge their Grey opposition, but went down 3-6. The Mixed League was also played during the third term, with the Selborne sides enjoying their tennis interactions with their Clarendon sisters. Apart from their matches

Championships, Liam Viviers won the singles title, beating Elijah Van Der Berg in the finals. The singles opponents combined to win the doubles event, beating Uthandile and Uyintando Malotana in the finals. Liam Viviers won the JD Sparg Cup for Tennis Player of the Year.

We once again thank Mr Grant Grotjohn for his dedication and coaching expertise this year. Mr Grotjohn received an Honours Award for Tennis as a pupil at Selborne College and has never lost his passion for his alma mater. Thanks must also be extended to Ms Kelepu and Mr Nel, as well as to the tennis moms who are always willing to lend a hand. As we lose no Grade 12 players at the end of 2025, we look forward to a solid year of tennis in 2026.

2025 WATER POLO Season

First Team Report

The Selborne College 1st Water Polo Team has had a very successful season this year competing as one of the top 10 water polo schools in the country. They had very high standards and goals coming into the season. Unfortunately the team did not meet all these goals, but they can be proud of the way that they have left everything out in the pool this season. There were lots of personnel changes at the end of the season which allowed for players to get great experience and exposure for next year's team moving forward.

The first big achievement of the year was making the semi-finals at the St Andrew's Shield Water Polo Tournament, which hadn't been done for a number of years. Another big achievement



Coach:
Mr S. Siebert

Assistant Coach:
Mr L. Siebert

Manager:
Mr L. Ferreira

Captains:
Liam Hansen and
Thomas Caswell



First Team WATER POLO

Front Row: C Maree, Mr L Ferreira (Manager), T Caswell (Captain), Mr S Siebert (Coach), L Hansen (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S van de Venter
Middle Row: N van de Venter, C Mortlock, D Woodin, B Abrams, A James, M Miller
Back Row: M Höll, M Beñ, M Russell, D Stegmann

RESULTS TABLE					
TOURNAMENT	PLAYED	WON	DRAW	LOST	FINAL PLACING
St Andrews Shield	8	4	0	4	4 th out of 12 teams
Vides	6	5	0	1	3 rd out of 16 Teams
KES	6	3	0	3	7 th out of 16 Teams
SACS	9	4	2	3	9 th out of 20 Teams
Clifton	7	4	0	3	6 th out of 16 Teams
Woodridge Stayers	6	5	0	1	2 nd out of 16 Teams
Derby Fixtures vs St Andrews	2	1	1	0	n/a
Season Totals	44	26	3	15	



Michael Miller, William Schaefer, Nico van de Venter, Blake Abrams and Nathan Weise.

Thomas Caswell and Liam Hansen are to be commended on their leadership and commitment to the 1st Water Polo Team. They both leave the team at the end of this year in a very good position. A special mention must go out to Samuel van de Venter and Matthew Bean for their commitment and the legacy they have left behind. The new look 1st Team is exciting and youthful, it is composed of lots of young talent and we look forward to seeing this team develop into a force to be reckoned with in the years to come.

was placing 3rd at our Vides Water Polo Tournament and making it into the top 8 at the KES and Clifton Water Polo tournaments respectively. Lastly, to make the final at Woodridge Stayers with a whole new team was very special, and indicates that there are only good things to come next year.

1st Team players selected for provincial teams:

- U19 Buffalo City Team: Thomas Caswell, Samuel van de Venter, Aaron James, Joshua Lentz, Daniel Woodin and Cullen Mortlock.
- U16 Buffalo City Team:



Second Team Report

Coach:
Mr L. Ferreira

Captains:
Z. Paxton and B Arnold

as possible for opposition teams. The biggest asset of this team was their shearing pace, and impressive transitional capabilities instilled in them by Messrs Luke and Storm Siebert from U14 level.

The first tournament of the



year saw the Collegians travel to PE to participate in the Pearson National 2nd Team Tournament. The team was filled with fire, looking to improve on a heartbreaking QF loss to Paul Roos in 2024.

RESULTS:

- vs Pearson 2nd Team - won (7-3)
- vs Wynberg 2nd Team - lost (2-3)
- vs Michaelhouse 2nd Team (5-5) (Penalty Shoot-out) - won (3-2)
- vs St Andrews 3rd Team – won (7-3)
- QF play-off vs Paul Roos 3rd Team – won (7-3)
- QF vs St Andrews 2nd Team – won (6-2)
- SF vs Wynberg 2nd Team – won (4-3)
- Final vs Bishops 2nd Team – lost(4-8)

A massive congratulations to the Collegians on winning the silver medal.

Some individual awards were also won:

- Attacker of the tournament – Campbell Dickinson
- Coach of the tournament – Luke Ferreira

A special mention must go out to Riley Cook on finishing as top goal scorer at the tournament.

Next up saw the Collegians participate in our premier event “Vides”. Every water polo player at Selborne dreams of being able to play in our prestigious 1st team tournament and it took very little to motivate them. It was an extremely challenging tournament playing against some of the best 1st teams in the country. The boys did themselves proud, giving the opposition a hard time.

RESULTS:

POOL GAMES:

- Lost (7-8) vs Woodridge
- Lost (5-10) vs Clifton
- Lost (2-10) vs Grey High

PLAY-OFF GAMES:

- Lost (4-14) vs Reddam Constantia
- Won (11-5) vs Grey College
- Lost (3-4) vs Pearson
- Finished in 14th position out of 16 teams

The season culminated with a trip to Makhanda to play against St Andrews in an inter-school’s fixture against their 1st and 2nd teams.

RESULTS:

- vs St Andrews 2nd Team – won (13-6)
- vs St Andrews 1st Team – lost (5-13)

An impressive 7 players were selected for provincial teams.

- J. Lentz – Border u18A
- M. Miller – Border u16A
- R. Cook – Border u16A
- N. Wiese – Border u16A

Thanks must be extended to Messrs Storm and Luke Siebert for all their support and guidance throughout the season. The team can be very proud of the passion, commitment and dedication shown throughout the year. With hard work, the sky is the limit for these young athletes.

Third Team Report

Coach:
Mr A Miles

Co-Captains:
Jared Fletcher, Morgan Owen and Karrick Horrmann

It is not often that a 3rd Team has the opportunity to attend two tournaments in a single season. This year, we were fortunate to participate in both the Pearson 2nd Team Tournament and the inaugural Oakhill Chukka Festival.

At the Pearson Tournament, we faced strong opposition, with most of our matches being against other schools’ 2nd teams.

The boys performed admirably, finishing 14th out of 20. Our results were as follows:

- Lost 3–6 vs. Grey High 2nd Team
- Lost 4–8 vs. St Andrew’s 2nd Team
- Won 7–4 vs. Oakhill 1st Team
- Lost 1–11 vs. Rondebosch 2nd Team
- Lost 3–4 vs. St David’s
- Won 7–4 vs. Grey

High 2nd Team (Play-offs)

- Won 2–1 vs. Rondebosch 3rd Team (Penalty shoot-out after a 3–3 draw)

The highlight of our season was the trip to Knysna for the Oakhill Chukka Festival. The team played with great energy and cohesion, losing only one game throughout the festival. Reid de Coning was deservedly named Most Valuable Player. Our results were as follows:

- Won 9–5 vs. Fish Hoek 1st Team
- Won 11–0 vs. Parklands 1st Team



2025 was a successful year for the Collegians. The year started off on an exciting note with a challenging preseason camp where players were put through their paces by the MIC of water polo Mr S Siebert ensuring that the team was in good physical condition. An exciting team was chosen with 7 players returning from the 2024 season and filled with several players from the U15A team that won the Sterrenberg Tournament. It was an exciting mix of experience and youth, all eager to put on a good show and put their hands up for the 1st Team in tournaments to come. The aim of the Collegians for 2025 was to play to their strengths and make life as difficult



Second Team WATER POLO

Front Row: B Copeland, Ms K Odhav (Manager), B Arnold, Mr L Ferreira (Coach), Z Paxton, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), E Assam
Middle Row: M Miller, D van Biljon, C Dickinson, E Barry, R Cook, A De Lange
Back Row: J Lentz, O Victor, M Russell, N Wiese

- Won 13–4 vs. Pinelands 1st Team
- Lost 3–4 vs. Westerford 1st Team
- Won 12–1 vs. Graeme 1st Team
- Won 5–1 vs. Pearson 2nd Team

The team was superbly led by our co-captains who shared leadership responsibilities throughout the season. Their commitment and teamwork set the tone for a season marked by camaraderie, sportsmanship and enjoyment both in and out of the pool. We were also fortunate to have a strong core of Grade 12 players: Reid de Coning, Morgan Owen, Jared Fletcher, Karrick Horrmann and Matthew Tarr, whose experience and leadership were invaluable. We wish our departing seniors every success in their future endeavours.

Looking ahead, our Grade 11 group, Anton Odendaal, Jed Marx, Nicholas du Toit, Blake Harvey and Rael Govind, will form the backbone of next season's side. Our Grade 10s, Connor Wheelan and Caleb Kieck, also



made significant contributions to the team's success this year.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding season; playing 13 games, winning 8 and losing 5. I would like to thank the boys for their enthusiasm, positive attitude and dedication throughout. A special word of thanks must also go to Mr Littleford for his support and valuable contribution during the season.



Third Team WATER POLO

Front Row: M Owen, Mr A Miles (Coach), J Fletcher, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), K Horrmann,
 Middle Row: R de Coning, C Kieck, M Hartwig, D Tarr, C Wheelan, R Govind
 Back Row: B Harvey, J Marx, A Odendaal, N du Toit

Fourth Team Report

The 2025 season was one of encouraging growth and renewed enthusiasm for the 4th Team Water Polo side. Building on the foundation laid last year, there was a clear drive to increase the number of fixtures and opportunities for the boys to gain game experience. This objective was certainly met, with the team participating in several competitive events throughout the season.

A particular highlight was the selection of a number of players to represent Selborne College at both the Pearson Stayers Tournament and the Knysna Chukka Festival in February. These festivals provided an excellent platform for the boys to test themselves against strong opposition.

Later in the year, the team took part in the Hudson Park High School Water Polo Festival in September. Although results did not go their way, with losses to both Hudson Park and Stirling, the matches offered valuable learning experiences and showcased the players'

determination and positive team spirit.

The progress made this year reflects the commitment of the players wanting to further develop their skills and game awareness, but more importantly, to have fun. Of the 15 games played, 8 were won and 7 lost. Looking ahead to 2026, the goal remains

Coach:
Mr G Littleford

to build on this momentum by securing even more fixtures and continuing to provide meaningful playing opportunities for all team members.



Fourth Team WATER POLO

Front Row: J Coetzee, C Drake, Mr G Littleford (Coach), L Botha (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Coetzer, S Tutani
 Middle Row: J Cronje, C Hume, J van Loggerenberg, S Smith, M Gierke, J Rance, L Botha
 Back Row: J Hosking, L Hansen, K van der Berg, M Pupuma, D Rushmere, L de Vries, L Deliwé

U15A Team Report

Coach:
Mr L Siebert

Captain:
Riley Owen

Vice-Captain:
Lisanda Matyolo

This 2025 water polo season was met with many highs and some unfortunate lows. The boys learnt countless lessons and grew as individuals throughout the year. A lot of shuffling between positions occurred after the first half of the season, which displayed how these individuals were willing to adapt and learn. This team throughout the season had a positive mind set and worked extremely diligently to ensure they were able to achieve as many goals as they possibly could.



This dedication culminated in two major results, 3rd at the Grey High Tournament and well deserved 1st place at Sterrenberg. The growth that these individuals showed as players was unrivalled. I am so proud to have coached such amazing individuals, not only in terms of skill and dedication but in character and how they present themselves.

I look forward to seeing how these boys continue to improve in and outside of the polo pool. I am sure they will make great strides in the sport and display how much of an asset they are to Selborne.

The following boys were selected for the Buffalo City U15A Water Polo Team:



SUMMARY OF RESULTS			
TOURNAMENT	GAMES PLAYED	WON	LOST
Grey PE Tournament	7	5	2
Parktown Indigo Tournament	8	6	2
Ian Melliar Tournament	7	4	3
Sterrenberg Tournament	6	6	0

- Gabriel Pierce
- Samuel Chang
- Tristan Buss
- Adam Miles
- Cole Kriedemann
- Yogan Govender
- Morgan Erasmus
- Riley Owen
- Lisanda Matyolo
- Matt Goedhals



U15A Team WATER POLO

Front Row: L Matyolo, Mr L Siebert (Coach), R Owen (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Chang
 Middle Row: T Wessels, Y Govender, M Goedhals, T Buss, A Miles, C Coetzer
 Back Row: M Erasmus, C Kriedemann, D van Rooyen, G Pierce

U15B Team Report

The season started off with a bang as the polo club provided the players with a pre-season camp during the last week of the holidays. We saw a great turn out of good players as well as many beginners wanting to give this wonderful sport a try. The team grew in confidence each week as they got fitter and the boys settled into their positional roles.

We looked forward to our bi-weekly dual with the Selborne Primary U13A Team. This provided some extra match playing situations and gave the beginners an opportunity to learn the rules of the game. These practice matches were highly contested and provided much entertainment!

The team improved with each local fixture that we managed to organise, often playing against other schools' A teams. We are extremely proud of our goal keeper, Aphumelele Sivuka, who has been selected as a non-travelling reserve for the Border U15 Water Polo Team.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly playing in our very own Milton Gates Water Polo Tournament where we ended up a credible 4th out of 8 teams.

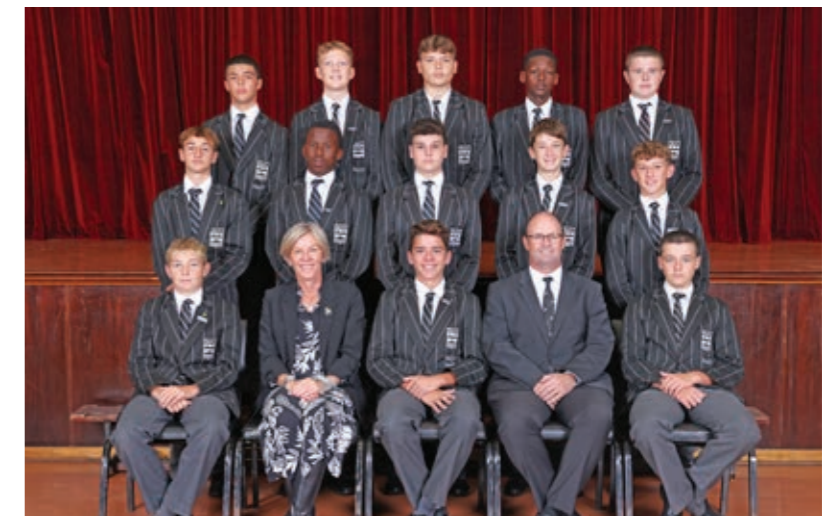
RESULTS FROM MILTON GATES:

- Won 9-2 vs Invitation Team
- Won 11-0 vs Graeme College
- Lost 5-6 vs Alexander Road High
- Lost 2-7 vs St Andrews U/15B (QF)
- Won 4-3 vs Selborne Primary U/13A (QF)
- Lost 0-10 vs Grey High U/14A (SF)
- Lost 3-5 vs Selborne U14A in the play-off for 3rd and 4th

Coach:
Ms K du Toit

Captain:
Bailey Kaschula

Vice-Captain:
Matthew Kretzmann



U15B Team WATER POLO

Front Row: C Miles, Ms K du Toit, B Kaschula, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Kretzmann
 Middle Row: R Coetzee, L Siziba, J Cook, B Kruger, A Toich
 Back Row: M Pretorius, J Minnaar, C Matthews-James, A Sivuka, B Kleynhans
 Absent: C Gardner

U14A Team Report

The 2025 water polo season began early in the calendar year when a group of just 12 players arrived for the pre-season camp. It quickly became apparent that this would be the group of players that would represent the school in both the Jason Murray tournament and on tour when the

team travelled to Jeppe for the Ken Short festival.

At the Jason Murray tournament the team finished the pool stages losing just one game to a good St Andrew's College outfit. In the playoff stages the team lost both their semi-final and 3rd place playoff against Paul Roos

Coach:
Mr J Allderman

Manager:
Mr T Warren

Captain:
Reese Buret

Gimnasium and to St Andrew's College once again.

While on tour at Jeppe the team was exposed to a much more competitive level of water polo than what they have grown used to in the Border. The team played seven

RESULTS TABLE				
TOURNAMENT	PLAYED	WON	LOST	FINAL POSITION
Jason Murray	7	4	3	4th
Ken Short Festival	7	1	6	n/a
Rondebosch	8	4	4	8th
Milton Gates	6	4	2	3rd
Peter Cuff	7	5	2	3rd
Fixture vs St Andrews/Graeme	2	1	1	n/a



games, recording just a solitary victory in a blowout victory vs St John's College. There would have been significant lessons learned along the way having come up against some of South Africa's finest water polo schools.

After the winter season break the team embarked on a trip to Cape Town where they took part in the Rondebosch tournament. The team did well to demonstrate improved results from the first term and managed an eighth place finish out of 20 teams. Impressive performances against Reddam and St Alban's were standouts here.

Following this the team went on to compete in the Milton

Gates Plate tournament as a part of the Sterrenberg Shield, hosted by Selborne. Albeit an u15 tournament, the team did well in pool stages, recording good wins against Hudson Park and Selborne u13s, losing just one game to their counterparts from Grey High. In the playoffs, the team was frustrated and, ultimately, beaten by the same Hudson team they beat in the pool stages. The team would take the learnings from this game into a tough Peter Cuff draw two weeks later.

At the Peter Cuff tournament at Hudson Park, the team started to mature and played a real confident and exciting brand of water polo. In the pool stages, the team won all their games

barring a tightly contested match against St Andrews. The play off games brought the best out of the boys, beating Woodridge in the quarter finals, narrowly losing to Grey High in the semi-finals (the eventual winners) and a very tightly contested win over St Andrews for 3rd position. This team has shown massive improvement in the 3rd/4th term and I can't wait to see how they develop in the years to come.

PLAYERS SELECTED FOR BORDER U14A TEAM:

- Rees Buret
- Connor McIntyre
- Matthew Swanepoel
- Liam Shaw
- Reserve: Joshua Crawford



U14A Team WATER POLO

Front Row: F Victor, Mr J Allderman (Coach), R Buret (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Pennial
 Middle Row: K Gardner, L Shaw, J Ogilvie, R Cockroft, L Fourie
 Back Row: C McIntyre, M Swanepoel, J Crawford





U14B Team Report

The U14B Waterpolo team enjoyed a fun-filled year of learning and new experiences. With many of our player's newbies to the sport, it proved to be more learning than success in the season.

When the team participated in the annual Jason Murray Tournament hosted by Selborne College in Term 1, we knew it would be a tough time for the team. In total, we played seven games in the tournament, only winning one. However that one win was something truly exhilarating. The time that they had put in at practices had been worth it..

In Term 4, we participated in the Peter Cuff Tournament hosted by Hudson Park High. With some of our players unavailable, we knew that we would struggle to get a result. We unfortunately did not win any of the five games we played. However, the

Head Coach:
Mr T Warren

Captain:
Sabastian Bouic

MATCH SUMMARIES	
PLAYED	12
WON	1
LOST	11
DRAWN	0

boys really enjoyed their time being able to learn and play with their peers.

In terms of scores it was not a successful season, but one where the camaraderie that was experienced will prove to be something of more importance in their development in the 2026 season.



Learning in action with our ACADEMICS

AFRIKAANS Language

Head of Subject: Mr C Breytenbach
Department: Mr N Erasmus, Mr J Vermaak, Mrs V Mocke, Mrs S Saayman, Mr C du Plessis, Mr D Deere



The Afrikaans Department, fondly known as the "A-Team," experienced a staff change for the 2025 academic year. We were excited to welcome Mr Danté Deere, who joined the team as a student teacher, but had to, sadly, bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Neill Erasmus, who accepted a new position as the Head of Crew Primary. We thank him for his dedication and wish him every success in his new role!

MATRIC 2024

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Building on the commitment shown in previous years, this class worked exceptionally hard, and their efforts were rewarded with outstanding results. This success is a testament to the passion and dedication of the Afrikaans staff, who strive to make Afrikaans an enjoyable subject, despite the inherent challenges.

The department achieved a 99% pass rate, with only one learner not succeeding. The overall grade average was 59%. We are proud to report that the cohort achieved 7 Level 7s (distinctions) and 21 Level 6s.

Congratulations to our top achievers:

- Matt Hartslief: 86%
- Chigozie Ifenatuora: 85%
- Khaka Boo: 84%
- Danté Deere: 83%
- Nischit Khatri Chhetri: 81%

GOALS

We understand that Afrikaans can be a challenging subject for many students, particularly since many only encounter the language during class time. Our department, nevertheless, remains committed to guiding and supporting our students through continuous improvement and adaptation of our teaching methods.

Our ongoing realistic goals are: that no student should fail Afrikaans, that the grade average should exceed 60%, and that 15% of the grade should achieve a distinction. In order to meet these objectives, we continue to focus on developing our skills through regular workshops and internal discussions, to ensure that we remain updated on best practices.

ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS

The new teaching method that had been introduced for the Grade 12 class in 2024 class, has proven to be highly successful and was, therefore, continued throughout 2025. This involves a focused topic-based approach, where each Afrikaans teacher specialises in a specific topic (such as poetry, drama, language structure, writing, or comprehension), and the streamed classes rotate weekly. The approach, therefore, ensures that every student receives instruction from every teacher, in their specialised topic, once a week.

INTERVENTION

Active effort from students is essential in learning and appreciating Afrikaans. While we offer additional support lessons, we continue to encourage parents to support us by promoting exposure to the language at home—be it through reading, music, or movies.

The intervention policy includes two main support mechanisms:

- Additional lessons: students, who struggle with classwork, are provided with intervention lessons at school.
- Missed Assessments: Students who miss important tests or examinations are strongly encouraged to provide either medical certificates or any written evidence for missing the assessment. This allows them a further opportunity to write the missed assessment in order to avoid losing unnecessary marks.

LESSONS

Our lessons are carefully planned in order to ensure that students gain the maximum benefit, ultimately preparing them



thoroughly for the Grade 12 final examinations. This approach begins in Grade 8. Ultimately, we strive to introduce engaging, educational activities to create a relaxed, yet effective learning environment.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

This year was particularly special as we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Afrikaans as an Official Language! To commemorate this centenary, we hosted an exciting Afrikaans Week, during which various activities were held at school. Events included a Sökkie evening

and an Afrikaans quiz. These cultural activities aimed to boost appreciation of the language and general engagement with the language across the student body.

To the Class of 2025, I wish you all the best. Work hard, and your efforts will undoubtedly bring you excellent results. Best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

A heartfelt thanks is extended to the Afrikaans staff, who consistently give of their best and of whom I could not possibly ask any more.

Liefde wat blind is

Deur Ernst Schutte (Graad 10)

My hart klop, maar ek oefen nie. Ek kan nie praat nie, maar dis nie 'n mondeling nie. Ek staar, maar ek het nie my foon nie.

Dis liefde, maar vir my is dit soos blinde liefde. Ironies, nê? Ek is blind. As iets 20cm weg is, kan ek nie sien nie, maar ek kan háár sien. Haar mooi gesig, haar blonde hare wat skyn, haar mooi skoon lyf, haar blou oë wat mooier as Laurika Rauch se stem is. Ek weet nie hoe

sy nie besef hoe mooi sy is nie.

Ek wens ek kan haar sê, maar as ek naby haar kom, is ek soos 'n foon wat in die water gegooi is. Ek vries, maar dieselfde tyd smelt my hart soos roomys. Die ding is: ek wil vir haar sê hoe life ek vir haar is. My hart sê wat dit wil, maar oppad brein toe, word my woorde opgemors.

Dis net hoe dit met my gevoelens is. Wanneer jy iets voel, moet jy dit

wys soos in 'n drama toneel waar jy gemaklik moet voel om dit te wys. Nee, wanneer dit by haar kom, sal ek nooit 'n akteur kan word nie... Wag, ek doen drama! Dit is my werk om gevoelens te wys, so miskien moet ek.

Si is reg daar en dit voel soos ek oefen, voel soos 'n mondeling, voel soos ek na my foon kyk, maar die ding is. Ek is blind, net soos my liefde.

Is daar hoop vir Suid-Afrika

Deur Mlevi Mabula (Graad 11)

“Ek hoop vir die mense van die land om ‘n nuwe Utopia te kry.” het Jan van Riebeeck in 1652 gesê.

Ons land was nog nooit perfek nie, maar dit was ons s'n. Die wind was ons pa, die land was ons ma en elke dier was ons broers en susters. Nie perfek nie, maar genoeg, en ons was gelukkig. Die wind het vir ons water en die reën gegee. Die land het vir ons vrugte gegee. Ons was vry. Ons was vergenoegd.

Toe het dit gekom ... “Utopia”. Dit klink soos afkraak en

vernedering, een erger as die ander. Dit klink soos mense wat jou doodpraat met hulle kolonialistiese taal. Dit klink soos jou eie stem wat binne homself moet SKREE, en net na jou terug eggo uit die leë niks van daardie vensterlose kamer.

Daardie stemme oor die radio, televisie en dompas, daardie stemme wat sê: wie jy is, waar jy inpas en hoe dinge nou is en dat dit alles sal “help” tot ‘n “wonderlike”, “vreedsame” wêreld.

Utopia klink soos ‘n sirene,

skreeuende soldate, geweeskote. Dit fluit soos missiele wat genadeloos op jou neergeslaan word. Dit DONDER in jou ore!

Dit klink soos die demokrasie wat jou hart begeer. Dit klink soos die sleutel wat in de slot knars. Dit klink soos die stilte in die kamer waar jy opgesluit sal bly tot jy gerehabiliteer is van jou kultuur, jou familie en die kleur van jou vel.

Sal daar êrens hoop vir Suid-Afrika in dié Utopia wees?

Business STUDIES

Business Studies continues to be a popular subject choice with many learners enjoying the wide range of topics covered. The curriculum’s focus on entrepreneurship, management, marketing, finance and business ethics, provides learners with a strong foundation for understanding the world of business and the skills needed for future success. Lessons remain practical and interactive, encouraging learners to think critically and to apply their knowledge to real-world business situations.

Although our Grade 11s were unable to visit the Mercedes-Benz plant this year due to production stoppages, valuable classroom-based case studies and projects ensured that they still gained meaningful insight into business operations.

This year also saw a structural improvement in the subject’s delivery when our large Grade 11 cohort was divided into three smaller classes. This change has proven to be highly beneficial, creating a more positive and focused learning environment. It has allowed teachers to give more attention to individuals, while promoting stronger participation and has ensured that every learner could engage more meaningfully with the material.

We were also delighted to welcome back Mr Banoyolo Bukula, a former Grade 12 learner, who joined the department this year as a student teacher. During his time with us, he observed lessons and gained valuable classroom experience from the teaching team. It has been a pleasure having him back in a new capacity and we look forward to welcoming him, once again, for his practical teaching

Subject Head:
Mrs J Engelbrecht

Staff:
Mr A. Miles, Mrs S. Minnaar, Mr G. Mountfort, Mr S. Siebert

period next year, as we are confident that he will add even more value to the department. The Business Studies Department continues to uphold its commitment to developing analytical thinkers and confident, ethical future business leaders. With a consistent and experienced teaching team, we look forward to another productive year ahead.

SUBJECT PRIZES:

- Grade 10: Tyde Scheepers
- Grade 11: Luke Bowman
- Grade 12: Joel Joseph

Computer APPLICATIONS Technology

Subject Head:
Mr T Stellenberg

Staff:
Mr G. Y. Ndlovu and
Mr A Miles

The Computer Applications Technology curriculum this year aimed to equip students with essential digital literacy skills, an understanding of computer systems and the ability to leverage technology for problem-solving. The programme emphasized practical applications alongside theoretical knowledge, preparing students for further education and career paths in technology.

HIGHLIGHTS:

We achieved a pass rate of 100% with a total of 35 candidates who sat for the NSC CAT exam at the end of 2024. The subject average for this exam was 58%

This year's group promises to achieve a greater number of distinctions in CAT as the class numbers have increased to 53 learners.

The grade 10 and 11 numbers have grown considerably and we had two classes in grade 10 and 11 this year.

CHALLENGES:

1. **Limited Access to Resources:** Outdated hardware or software: Many schools have computers that can't run modern applications efficiently. **Unreliable internet**

- connectivity:** Affects lessons on cloud computing, online collaboration, and research.
- 2. **Technical Issues:** Frequent hardware failures, software crashes, or network downtime can disrupt lessons.
- 3. **Diverse Learner Abilities:** Learners often enter with different levels of computer literacy, making pacing difficult. Some students pick up practical skills quickly, while others struggle with basic operations. Teachers must constantly differentiate instruction to cater to both advanced and struggling learners.
- 4. **Curriculum Demands:** The CAPS CAT curriculum is content-heavy and time-constrained. Balancing theory and practical work can be challenging, especially before assessments. Keeping up with rapidly changing technology trends while following a static syllabus, can feel limiting.
- 5. **Assessment Challenges:** Practical assessments require functioning labs, supervision and time management. Moderation and file management (especially for PATs) can be time-consuming and prone to technical issues. Marking theory papers often requires nuanced understanding of technical terminology.

POSITIVES OF CAT:

- 1. **Real-World Relevance:** CAT equips learners with practical digital skills that are immediately useful in academic, personal, and professional contexts. Students learn essential tools like word processing, spreadsheets, databases,

- and presentations, which are applicable across all careers. Teachers can easily demonstrate real-world applications, making learning meaningful and engaging.
- 2. **Developing 21st-Century Skills:** CAT promotes critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and digital literacy. Learners gain confidence in navigating technology-driven environments. The subject fosters collaboration, communication and innovation through projects and group activities.
- 3. **Enhancing Logical and Analytical Thinking:** Topics such as databases, spreadsheets, and algorithms help learners think methodically and analytically. These skills often improve performance in other subjects like Mathematics and Accounting. CAT encourages learners to approach problems with a structured, logical mindset.
- 4. **High Engagement and Motivation:** Learners often find computer-based lessons interactive and enjoyable. The use of multimedia, simulations, and practical tasks keeps students actively involved. Seeing immediate results from their work (like a working spreadsheet or a presentation) boosts motivation.
- 5. **Continuous Learning for Teachers:** Teaching CAT keeps educators up to date with new technologies and digital tools. Teachers develop their own IT competencies, enhancing their professional versatility. Exposure to tech trends allows educators to integrate innovative teaching methods across other subjects.

- 6. **Career Preparation:** CAT provides a foundation for careers in IT, business, design, data analysis, and digital communication. Learners develop a strong understanding of how technology supports modern workplaces. The subject introduces concepts relevant to entrepreneurship and remote work environments.
- 7. **Bridging the Digital Divide:** For many learners, CAT is their first structured exposure to computers and the internet. The subject helps reduce inequality in digital skills by ensuring all learners

- gain basic technological competence. It empowers learners from diverse backgrounds to access online education and opportunities.
- 8. **Practical and Skills-Based Assessment:** The mix of theory and practical components allows learners with different strengths to succeed. Hands-on assessments mirror real workplace tasks rather than rote memorization. Teachers can measure genuine skill mastery instead of theoretical recall alone.
- 9 **Cross-Curricular Integration:** CAT supports other learning

- areas — e.g. writing reports, analyzing data, or creating presentations. Students use what they learn in CAT to enhance performance across all subjects. Encourages collaboration between departments through shared digital tools.
- 10. **Empowering Digital Citizens:** Learners become more aware of ethical and responsible technology use (e.g. digital footprints, cyber safety, copyright). CAT promotes responsible online behavior, preparing students to navigate the digital world confidently and safely.

Creative and VISUAL ARTS

Belgravia Arts Centre



Subject Head:
Mrs Terry Schultz

Staff:
Mrs Vasti Petzer, Mrs
Genevieve Allsobrook,
Mr Daniel Mooy

VISUAL ARTS

The senior artists have worked hard throughout the year and have created highly original and insightful artworks. The Grade 12's have produced work of an exceptionally high standard, all very diverse in their concepts and technical competency. These have included strong Graphic works by Mbongeni Wolela and Markus de Klerk, expressive and innovative Ceramic pieces by Kwakhanya Dingo, Thokoza Madala and Khazimla Soji and exciting, experimental Mixed Media sculptures by Luke Hartwanger. It is interesting to note that many of their artworks

The Grade 8 and 9 Art lessons at Selborne are always full of energy and enthusiasm and are not for the fainthearted. The expressive nature of the subject and the adventurous spirit of

the learners, creates a lively atmosphere. The learners have explored a range of different media and techniques throughout the year, including: drawing, printmaking, painting and ceramic sculpture.



are based on their identity and experience as Selbornians.

Some of the learners had their artworks showcased at the Annual Eisteddfod and East London High Schools' Exhibitions, where they achieved favourable results.

12 MAY – 23 MAY 2025

EISTEDDFOD/ELFEST AWARDS FOR VISUAL ARTS:

GRADE 8:

- Adabla, Lord SILVER
- BHEME, Tsepang BRONZE
- Boto, Kumkani BRONZE
- Davis, Jude SILVER
- Irving, Tyler BRONZE
- Janse van Rensburg, Jordan SILVER
- Kent, Callan BRONZE X 2
- Kwelani, Someleze GOLD
- Matlala, Lethabo SILVER
- Pefole, Sechaba BRONZE

GRADE 9:

- Buss, Tristan SILVER
- Erasmus, Morgan SILVER
- Gangerdine, Joshua GOLD
- Grassi, Riley SILVER
- Manciya, Asikelelwe ... SILVER
- Mandizvidza, Nyasha BRONZE
- Mbamali, Sandile SILVER
- Mbata, Thokozani BRONZE
- Naidoo, Deshay SILVER
- Sogoni, Avuya BRONZE
- Stoffels, Darren SILVER
- Willard, Seth GOLD

GRADE 11:

- Sephton, Jordan GOLD
- Vuso, Sabelo GOLD



GRADE 12:

- De Klerk, Markus SILVER
- Hartwanger, Luke DOUBLE GOLD
- Madala, Thokoza GOLD
- Soji, Khazimla SILVER
- Wolela, Mbongeni ... GOLD X 2

4 – 15 AUGUST 2025

EAST LONDON HIGH SCHOOLS' EXHIBITION AWARDS FOR VISUAL ARTS:

GRADE 9:

- Buss, Tristan GOLD
- Carenza, Carter GOLD
- Erasmus, Morgan SILVER
- Gangerdine, Joshua DOUBLE GOLD
- Grassi, Riley BRONZE
- Kriedemann, Cole SILVER
- Mbamali, Sandile BRONZE
- Miles, Adam SILVER
- Naidoo, Deshay SILVER
- Pretorius, Liam SILVER
- Stoffels, Darren SILVER
- Willard, Seth SILVER

GRADE 12:

- Hartwanger, Luke DOUBLE GOLD

Visual ARTWORKS



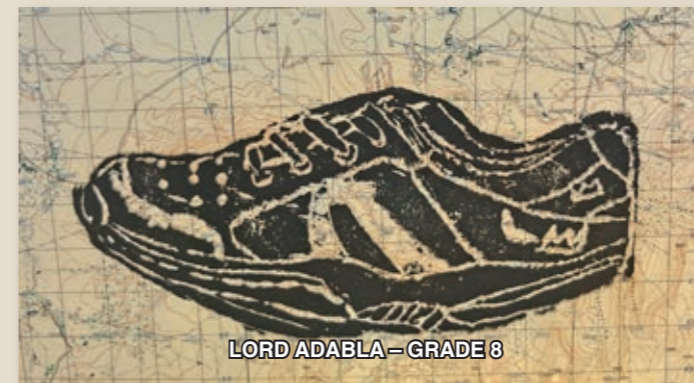
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LORD ADABLA – GRADE 8



ASIKELELWA MANCIYA – GRADE

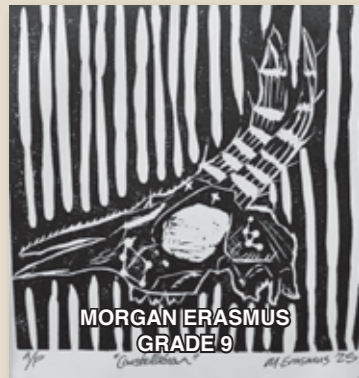


JORDAN JANSE VAN RENSBURG GRADE 8



LETHABO MATLALA GRADE 8

Visual ARTWORKS



MORGAN ERASMUS
GRADE 9



SABELO VUSO
GRADE 10



THOKOZANI MBATA – GRADE 9



TRISTAN BUSS – GRADE 9



SETH WILLARD – GRADE 9



JORDAN SEPHTON
GRADE 10



RILEY GRASSI – GRADE 9

Visual ARTWORKS



LUKE HARTWANGER – GRADE 12



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



MARKUS DE KLERK – GRADE 12



LUKE HARTWANGER
GRADE 12



THOKOZA MADALA – GRADE 12



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



LUKE HARTWANGER
GRADE 12

Visual ARTWORKS



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



MARKUS DE KLERK – GRADE 12



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11



MBONGENI WOLELA – GRADE 11

Engineering GRAPHICS and DESIGN

Subject Head:
Mr G Bishop

Staff:
Mr M Chandler

Engineering Graphics and Design allows the learner in a totally different environment. EGD has an academic as well as a practical component, which allows the learner to develop in more than one sphere of school life. The popularity of EGD has blossomed over the last 7 years, with the number of

students doubling. It is fantastic to see the staff's enthusiasm and passion for the subject. The class of 2024 can be super proud of themselves, boasting no less than 15 A aggregates.

The question is often asked: What is the benefit of EGD? The answer is simple; if you want to follow the career path of Engineering, Architecture, Draughtsman, any trade, or a career as a Town Planner or are even interested in the normal, day to day DIY at home, then EGD will certainly benefit you.

The EGD Grade 12 class of 2025 is 31 strong. At least 26% of the current learners have

already been accepted into the Engineering or Architectural fields. The class of 2025 also boasts an 88% aggregate for their PAT assignments.

I am looking forward to a good set of matric results at the end of the year.

- Top achiever in Grade 12: Joel Joseph
- Top achiever in Grade 11: Jordan Brent
- Top achiever in Grade 10: Michael Miller

A massive word of thanks must go to Mr Murray Chandler for his support and enthusiasm for the subject.

EMS and ACCOUNTING

2025 began with news of the amazing NSC examination results, achieved by our class of 2024. The class produced a final average of 71%, with 13 learners achieving distinctions (a 38% distinction rate). Top performers were Chigozie Ifenatuora (96%), Khaka Boo (95%) and Adam Rogers (93%). We wished these learners well as they began their tertiary studies, hopefully, in the field of Commerce. Congratulations must also be extended to past pupils, Corbin Stander (3rd) and Samuel Mountfort (8th) – both from the Class of 2020 – who finished in the Top 10 for the South African Chartered Accounting Board Examinations, Part 1. Other learners from this class also successfully passed the examination, all inching closer to their Chartered Accountant qualifications.

The 42 learners from the Grade 12 Class of 2025 are well-poised to end off their school Accounting careers on a strong note. Eighteen learners head into their final examinations with current distinctions, while a further 5 lie within 2% of this achievement. The grade average is a strong 75% and bodes well for a promising set of final results. We congratulate Thomas Caswell on winning the TM McFarlane Prize for Accounting at the year-end prize giving. Accounting prizes were also won by Jack Green and Nikhil Gopakumar (Grade 11 shared) and Arron Louw (Grade 10), while Economic and Management Sciences prizes were awarded to Naye Ketelo, Oluthando Gcanga, Ali Ghazi (Grade 9 shared) and Ross Cockcroft (Grade 8).

Seventeen of our Accounting learners entered the annual Proverto Accounting Olympiad

Subject Head:
Mr J Sparg

Staff:
Mrs JJ Engelbrecht,
Mrs S Minnaar, Mr L Siebert,
Mr S Siebert and Mr S Viviers.

this year. Five learners qualified for the second and final round, with Hlubi Nqambi (Grade 11) and Zach Paxton (Grade 12) both earning distinctions. We continue to value our relationship with global accounting firm Price Waterhouse Coopers (PwC). PwC hosted two information evenings in May and have offered many of our top learners traineeship contracts after they've concluded their tertiary studies. They have also committed to supporting one of our learners with financial assistance for tertiary studies. We



thank Mrs Liezel Yon (Gqeberha) and Mr Bradley Davids (Cape Town) for their continued support and interest in our Selborne College Accounting learners. Looking ahead to 2026, we are excited to welcome 54 learners

to Grade 10 Accounting and look forward to seeing their positive contributions to the continued success of our department. A massive thank you must be extended to our passionate and dedicated teaching staff, who

are always willing to go above and beyond their duties for their learners. The success that our learners reap is definitely attributable to the amount of work that is put in by these teachers. Thank you!

ENGLISH *Language*

Subject Head: Mr S Grant

Staff:
Mrs C Buss, Mrs H Breetzke,
Mr J Allderman,
Mrs S Hartmann,
Mrs G Musgrave, Ms A Stander,
Mr J Boshoff and Mr B Nel

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mr Jano Boshoff and Mr James Allderman at the end of 2025. Mr Boshoff has accepted a post at Paarl Gymnasium and Mr Allderman has accepted a post at Michaelhouse. We wish them well on their new ventures.

We were, however, very grateful to have Ms Anneri Stander, a highly competent and experienced teacher, join our department this year.

Mrs Gabriela Musgrave and her husband, Cameron, were blessed with a beautiful daughter in August. Mrs Musgrave went on maternity leave in the third term. We were all very excited for her and we managed to cover her classes, without bringing in extra help. The staff were very stoic in taking on this extra load.

Mrs Buss has been instrumental in getting our boys exposed to English competitions and societies outside of the school and this has helped tremendously in creating a love for English beyond the classroom. Various boys wrote and submitted essays and poems for review by the English Alive panel. Mandre Strydom's essay entitled "Dear" was published in the 2025 English Alive Anthology. More than 300 entries were submitted from across the country and Mandre's submission was successful. This is a first for Selborne College! 52 boys wrote and passed the SACEE Language Challenge.

Special mention must go to Ross Cockcroft, Jaice Kock and Christopher Pringle, who obtained double gold awards. (90% and above)

Mrs Buss and Ms Stander have been offering free extra English lessons to all of our boys. Boys who attend these lessons have all shown good improvements in their English grades. Sadly, these lessons are poorly attended, especially by the boys who really need the extra help.

The Grade eight pupils studied short stories by Roald Dahl for their setwork, as well as doing a film study on "Jurassic Park". The grade nines were introduced to Shakespeare with the play "The Merchant of Venice" and the film "Saving Private Ryan" as part of a War Poetry Project. The Grade tens studied "The Mark" and "Romeo and Juliet", the Grade elevens "Tsotsi" and "Macbeth" and the Grade twelves "Othello" and "The Picture of Dorian Gray".

We intend to replace the play "Othello" with "The Crucible" in 2026.

We continue striving to get our boys more focused on English, as there is an apathy towards English among many of our boys. Unfortunately, they feel that English is less important than their other subjects and this has a very negative influence on their results. English, however, is very challenging and demanding. It is also the foundation to learning and assessing all the other subjects and the need to read, must continue to be encouraged.

There is no short cut to improve one's ability to improve the marks in Paper 1 (comprehension, summary and language).

Learners need to take care to pay attention to the lessons given in this regard and put a concerted effort into completing the additional comprehension, summaries and language exercises given to them to practise these skills.

The networks and poetry, and the analysing of genres, are also taught thoroughly in class. The learners who pay attention, know the content and master the necessary skills needed, really benefit in their Paper 2 examinations.

Paper 3 consists of creative essay writing and transactional writing. There are certain skills and procedures that need to be learnt, in order to do well in this

paper. It does not just depend on a boy thinking that he is or is not creative.

English is a subject that will always need a solid effort from all of our boys. If effort is made, their marks will improve significantly.

While an average of 64% for the 2024 Matrics was a little disappointing we, nevertheless, congratulate the following boys who achieved distinctions in English: Daniel Breetzke 83%, Unakho Filita 80%, Daniel Gaylard 85%, Matt Hartslielief 80%, Chigozie Ifenatuora 82%, Bradley Kretzmann 81%, Imee Odugwu 83%, Adam Rogers 80% and Deacon Swartz 81%.

Kholo

By Mbongeni Lihleli Wolela

Let not these simple trinkets
Serve as a measure of your worth.
They are merely a fraction of my feelings for you.

If my pockets could match my heart,
I would give you the ends of the earth.
My heart and soul have found their home in you—
They have become inseparably attached to you.

I have tried countless times to lead them elsewhere,

Yet they always find their way back to you.

I have travelled hundreds of thousands of miles
In an attempt to free my mind from you,
But still, you bloom within my thoughts.

At last, I have surrendered,
Given my heart to you,

Because you are one of a kind.

The Scottish King

By Triumphant Bamitale

The king of darkness, dwelling in shadow,
Controls every corner of his kingdom below.
Nothing moved until he slept.
When awake, only misery crept.

He lures other kingdoms with feigned weakness,
But all their efforts are met in vain.
The soldiers of joy and happiness breached the defences of his domain,
But inside his walls, they met only pain.
Hope and dreams, once flowing like rain,

Now swirl down the sink, lost in the drain.

At last, the rebellion has started, kingdoms band together to break his chain
The pain that once broke the brave is now entrapped and tamed.
Control is shattered — a shift in power begins.
The once-glorious king is brought to his knees in sin.
The last of a once-prosperous realm is devoured-
And with victory, joy has at last overpowered.

English Alive anthology

Selborne College Grade 12 learner, Mandré Strydom, had his essay selected for publication in the prestigious English Alive anthology.

This national publication features submissions from schools across South Africa, with over 300 entries received this year. Mandré's work was included – marking the first time in Selborne history that a learner's writing has been published in this anthology.

Congratulations, Mandré, on this outstanding achievement!

Dear

By Mandré Strydom

Dear Caregivers

Thank you for everything. I wonder if people are as scared as I am to give care sometimes. All they know is how to take but, to not seem too bad, we made caregivers and caretakers mean the same thing. Sorry, I guess some things are funny sometimes.

Dear Love

You haunt me, sorry I can't repay you. I wonder if this will ever happen again. I better hold on, because who knows.

Dear Overthinkers

I'm sorry, but not everything has hidden meaning behind it. If you started looking at things as is, you wouldn't need to change your pants everyday... but what if that old lady down the street sees me walking my dog again tomorrow and I'm wearing a similar pair of pants and her old eyes have seen too much to need to see a difference between the ones I wore yesterday and now today even though I swear to you they are different. But she doesn't know that, how could I know that she knows that? Does she remember what pants I wore yesterday? I wonder if people take note of things like that, other than me. My brain hurts from trying to guess how everyone is feeling about the weather and if they know who wrote the soundtrack for "The Lion King".

Dear Mrs Collop from Grade 2

I still thank you for that compliment you gave me when the class was making brownies and you said I could sieve the flour into the bowl really well. I learnt it from my grandma. Sorry you burnt the first batch

Dear "American Psycho"

I'm sorry that you're such a great movie that I would never get around to watch you. I fear that I won't "get it" so you'll just stay in a perpetual state of "on my watch list" like half of the other things I'm too scared of watching. But I'll pose as a lover of all of those cult classics in case someone else might know the movie and love it as much as I think I would. I don't know, maybe I am just overthinking it.

Dear Past Feelings

Are you sick of me saying I'm sorry yet, just like everyone else? The outside is scary. I miss my closet and its warmth. The smell of shoes and damp coats never bothered me too much. I don't remember much from inside there; I remember the spider-webs on the top corners that were empty, it was just a beautiful pattern made only to be left alone. I guess even the spiders were willing to abandon me.

Dear Dad

I'm sorry. I miss you.

Dear Mom

I'm sorry, tell dad to pick up.

Dear pain

Sorry, I'm grateful, but don't you think that that was a bit much?

Dear the Smell of Good Books

Thanks for being there for me when I worried about

the punctuation of an "I love you" message. Sorry for the water damage on pages where the kid with cancer dies and all that's left to remember of him is when his mother is telling him to "keep fighting", and he bursts out crying "it's a bear Momma, it's a big brown bear!" That's all his childlike mind can manage to punch out to help her understand, while he tries to clear up that it's not like Barney and doesn't want to be friends. "The bear is scary, I'm scared of the bear, Momma." Then it hits her. Momma's little boy has contemplated death so many times over and over he's picked what

colour flowers he wants at his funeral. I want dark maroon, he has thought about his own death enough times to visualise his impending doom as a bear. And Momma's broken. She cries out with actual, physical pain. Her precious gift is taken away. He is leaving her. He knows he's going but he just doesn't know where yet.

How broken do you need to be until people give up on trying to piece you back together? Or until you give up on trying to piece you back? How many times do I have to say "I'm sorry" until you realise broken is past tense ?

GEOGRAPHY Department

The Geography Department experienced a change in personnel this year with the addition of Mrs. C. Gumunyu, who brings along much experience.

The Geography results for 2024 reflect the department's commitment to excellence. The department achieved a 100% pass rate. Out of 66 candidates who wrote Geography, 15 secured C symbols, 15 achieved B symbols, and 9 earned A symbols. Selborne College was also awarded an Eastern Cape Certificate, from the Department of Education, for outstanding matric results. This success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both students and teachers.

The Geography Department has been actively engaged in progressive planning, encompassing short-term, mid-term, and long-term goals. This strategic approach has played a pivotal role in the department's success, ensuring that students receive a well-rounded education.

A sincere thank you is extended to every member of the Geography Department for their

contributions to the success of the past year. The collaborative efforts of the team have undoubtedly made a positive impact on the students' academic achievements. Special thanks go to Mr. Koekemoer, with the assistance of Mr. Warren and Mr. Hartley, for their leadership in guiding the junior classes this year. Unfortunately, Taine Warren will be leaving us at the end of the year and he will be greatly missed by all.

Why Study Geography? The study of Geography provides awareness, knowledge, and understanding of a changing and interconnected world. Geography is for the student who wants to better understand the world around them. It serves as a unique bridge between the humanities and natural sciences. Geography students develop their knowledge of the world and the physical and human processes operating within it, learn to appreciate different cultures both in this country and abroad, and gain a solid understanding of sustainability and their responsibilities towards achieving it.

Geography also helps to develop

Subject Head:

Mr C Sandford

Staff:

Mr R Koekemoer,
Mrs C Gumunyu, Mr D Hartley
and Mr T Warren

essential intellectual, practical, and social skills, including numeracy and literacy, mapping, fieldwork, GIS, problem-solving and decision-making, teamwork, citizenship, communication, and inquiry.

In conclusion, Selborne College's Geography Department continues to play a vital role in shaping the academic and personal development of its students. The dedication of the teaching staff, coupled with strategic planning and a commitment to excellence, has resulted in commendable achievements in the field of Geography. The students who pass through this department are not only well-versed in geographical concepts, but are also equipped with skills that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

HISTORY Department

Subject Head:
Mr R Koekemoer

Staff:
Mr P Coetzee, J Kriel and
J Boshoff

At Selborne College, the teaching of History is approached with energy and attention to relevance, ensuring that learners not only gain knowledge of the past, but also develop critical skills for the future.

GET Phase (Grade 8–9)

In the General Education and Training (GET) phase, the focus is on making History fun,

engaging, and meaningful. Learners are introduced to key turning points in world history, helping them to understand how the past has shaped the modern world. Exciting topics such as the Industrial Revolution, World War I, Nazi Germany, the Cold War, and South African history, allow learners to engage with big ideas, while drawing connections to their own lives. Lessons are interactive, using stories, debates, power points, video clips, and source analysis to make history come alive.

FET Phase (Grade 10–12)

In the Further Education and Training (FET) phase, the emphasis shifts towards developing higher-order thinking and academic skills. Learners are

taught how to:

- Think critically about events, people, and ideas.
- Engage with a variety of historical sources, evaluating reliability, bias, and perspective.
- Write structured essays, taking clear positions and supporting their arguments with accurate and relevant historical evidence.

By focusing on skills such as analysis, interpretation, and argumentation, History at Selborne College equips learners not only to succeed academically, but also to become thoughtful, informed citizens, who can navigate the complexities of the modern world.

writing improved dramatically this year due to the high enrolment of learners attending the remedial classes. While the remedial programme is mainly for learners who obtain far less than 40% in their controlled tasks the general aim of this programme is:

- To ensure that we are maintaining the standard and obtaining good results, while giving our pupils a second chance to upgrade their marks.
- Encouraging all learners, who scored less than 40%, to join the support classes and to recommend that they attend twice a week, after school. The scheduled times for these classes are as follows:

- Tuesdays: 14H45 @ C63
- Wednesdays: 15h30 @C64

Despite these efforts to assist the weak pupils it is still, however,

to remain positive and be open to learning hard. At the same time, it is pleasing to note that Grade 8's are taking this subject seriously and are doing very well, especially with regard to the take home task (umsebenzi wasekhaya) which many are doing in a professional manner and we appreciate the parent's assistance in encouraging this positive approach.

Grade 11, 10 and 9 programmes are in order and the work produced by the pupils throughout the year in tests and in the June examinations, seemed promising. Our approach is to give pupils as much support so that they can be well equipped with their assessments and understand their language. There are a number of boys in the GET band, who are making the most of their opportunities by engaging themselves in these extra classes and by joining the isiXhosa

gain proper isiXhosa vocabulary. Special mention must be made here of the grade 8 pupils, namely: Banzi, Booi, Mxesibe and a few grade 9's Dekeda Moni, including a few pupils from the Afrikaans department, who are leading the isiXhosa groups in oral presentations. They are an enthusiastic bunch of young men, eager to learn and to discuss challenging topics amongst themselves. Qobongoshe, Abonga, Mdepa and Sazi are giving their best in this regard and have achieved a level 7 pass from term 1, to date. These pupils are producing outstanding work.

All Grade 8's start the year by writing a baseline assessment (grammar and idioms). The goal is to evaluate the content and to check their level of understanding. We, therefore, appeal to parents to encourage their boys to attend the extra classes, so that they can cope well when assessed. Singamathe nolwimi, umtya nethunga nabafundi bethu notitshalakazi uKelepu.

We are looking forward to and extend our best wishes to the class of 2025. I also want to thank Miss Kelepu #Bomza for her efforts in ensuring that we continue with our mission to serve and support the boys. SINCEDE BAWO KULO MSEBENZI!

“... Our approach is to give pupils as much support so that they can be well equipped ...”

disappointing to note that there are some pupils who are still not taking part in the remedial programme. There are those, who do not make any effort in the subject and who, unfortunately, regard isiXhosa as less important than their other subjects, continuing to ignore the important language principles. It is not surprising that this attitude has a negative impact on their marks. At the end of the year, pupils tend to struggle to cope with the various assessments, and they automatically fail. There is, however, no shortcut to improve one's ability. One has

society. The exposure they get, as a result, helps them to understand beyond the classroom and they



IsiXHOSA Language

The IsiXhosa Department continues to strive towards providing a high quality education for its students, and to offer a pleasant working environment for both pupils and members of staff, by taking ownership of our subject matter. We are tremendously proud of the class of 2024's achievements. Candidates achieved a 100% pass rate and the subject average was up to 72% from 67% (in 2023). We noted this improvement and the increase in the number of level 7's obtained, with pleasure. We commend the outstanding achievement of the following candidates, who managed to score over 80% namely; Mqeni Similo, Nombembe Cwangco, Phakamile Xhanti, Mnqeta Azizipho and Filita Unakho.

The 2024 matric symbol distribution obtained is as follows:

- Level 7 obtained by 5 pupils
- Level 6 obtained by 26 pupils
- Level 5 obtained by 9 pupils
- Level 4 obtained by 3 pupils
- Total number of candidates: 43
- The subject mean was 72% and the pass rate was 100%.

The abovementioned statistics bears testimony to the fact that these pupils understand their language and we are looking forward to a good set of results at the end of this year. The department continues to make a difference in the way the pupils perceive the relevance of IsiXhosa. This is borne out by the continued growth of the subject as some pupils even later opt to change from Afrikaans, to IsiXhosa.

Subject Head:
Ms N MswanaMini

Staff:
Ms B Kelepu

Our academic year started positively with normal curriculum activities like planning according to the outlined ATP's. Grade 8 and 9 pupils completed their group project, which was a "take home" task. They were very excited to gather information from various sources and much vibrant debate was had in class. This task allows the pupils to participate and to share information, which leads to much personal growth. Oral assessment and essay



knowledge by exploring more advanced programming concepts, including arrays, records, and file handling. Learners also deepened their understanding of computer networks, databases, and the role of technology in modern society. Through hands-on projects, they demonstrated an ability to apply theoretical concepts to real-world problems.

The Grade 12 learners faced a challenging, yet rewarding, year as they prepared for their final practical and theory examinations. Topics such as software development life cycles, advanced database programming, and the impact of emerging technologies were covered, in depth. Many learners produced outstanding practical projects, showcasing creativity, innovation, and problem-solving ability.

The department also encouraged digital literacy and responsible technology use across the school. Several learners participated in coding challenges and in an inter-school technology workshop, hosted by Mercedes-Benz, where they proudly represented our school and demonstrated excellent skills and teamwork.

The IT Department extends congratulations to all learners for their hard work, perseverance, and achievements. We also thank the dedicated Tech Department, who have kept the school IT department floating safely through the deep Tech world. The world of Information Technology continues to evolve rapidly and our learners are well-equipped to take on future digital challenges.

INFORMATION *Technology*

Subject Head:
Mr G. Y. Ndlovu

The 2025 academic year has been an exciting and productive one for the Information Technology (IT) Department. Learners from Grades 10 to 12 have shown remarkable growth in both their theoretical understanding and practical programming skills.

We are so proud of the NSC results for 2024, with an exceptional average of 69% for the Grade. We recorded an impressive 100% pass rate, with

a total of 4 Distinctions. This presented a 36.4% distinction rate. We are looking forward to this year's group working on improving this good overall result.

In Grade 10, learners were introduced to the foundations of computer systems, data representation, and basic problem-solving techniques. They also began their programming journey using Delphi, developing simple yet functional applications. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our junior IT learners has been commendable, especially as evidenced in their PAT projects.

Grade 11 built upon their

Life ORIENTATION

The Life Orientation department has experienced much transition this year. We welcomed new staff members and bid farewell to others. We wish Mr Erasmus, Mr Alldermann and Mr Boshoff all the best in their new endeavours. We also hope that Mrs Musgrave has had a wonderful bonding time with her little girl, while on maternity leave.

ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

This year has been a success, thanks to the continued and effective use of Google Classroom, as well as our regular subject meetings. Our assessment approach varies throughout the year, with project-based terms (Terms 1 and 3) allowing students to showcase their research skills, and examination terms (Terms 2 and 4) during which we are able to evaluate their understanding of theory taught in class. PET assessment becomes an opportunity for our students to display their sporting talent. However, we have noticed that learners still struggle in answering questions correctly during the examinations, leading to mark fluctuations throughout the year. We will need to work on improving their examination techniques in order to combat this area of concern. More informal assessments will happen throughout the year, in order to better prepare them for their examinations. Working through



Subject Head:
Mrs S Hartmann

Staff:
Mrs M Gobel, Mr S Grant,
Mr J Alldermann,
Mr G Littleford,
Mrs G Musgrave, Mr A Miles,
Mr L Siebert, Mr S Siebert,
Mr J Jacobs, Mr J Boshoff,
Mr B Nel, Mr G Mountfort and
Mr T Stellenberg.

projects more comprehensive, but on the other hand, it can also make engaging with these projects more challenging and less effective. It is crucial for students to use AI tools wisely and to be digitally savvy, while being aware of the potential risks. Some benefits of AI in education include enhanced learning experiences, personalised

past papers and the necessary terminology is vital.

AI – A POWERFUL RESOURCE OR DETRIMENTAL TO CRITICAL THINKING?

AI has impacted on our learners ability to think critically, significantly. This is of great concern. When it comes to using AI for projects, it is a double-edged sword. On one hand, AI can make



“... Allowing students to showcase their research skills, and examination terms ...”

learning and efficient feedback. There are, however, also potential drawbacks, such as over reliance on AI, accuracy and bias issues. To navigate these challenges, educators should focus on developing AI literacy as well

as encouraging critical thinking. AI should enhance the learning field and not stifle our learners' minds, where they are unable to remember or form comprehensive thoughts of their own on issues. Life Orientation, as a subject, is often not given the respect it deserves and we cannot allow our learners to submit AI generated projects, with little to no thought having been put into them. Critical thinking, therefore, needs to be encouraged throughout.

DEPARTMENT INSPECTION

Selborne College had the pleasure of an onsite visit in June, by our subject advisor, Mr Brandon Oelofse. Learner portfolios and work files were thoroughly inspected. His feedback to the school was as follows: "I truly appreciate the hard work conducted and find that both the "traditional method of teaching" such as physically writing out of notes as well as using a more technological approach (Google Classroom) is well balanced in the school.



Please note that learners (especially grade 12's) should always be encouraged to write summaries and notes so that the bulk of the work is not too overwhelming when term 3 approaches. It is always a

pleasure to visit your school." We pride ourselves on our curriculum alignment with the department and visitations like these prove that our efforts are not in vain.

WORKSHOP BY MS ROSLYN SCHENK

Our grade 11 learners had the privilege of a highly educational and informative session with Ms Roslyn Schenk, a qualified Dietitian, who shared expert advice on Sports Nutrition – Fuelling for Performance. Learners explored the importance of fuelling the body correctly for optimal performance, energy, and recovery – both on and off the field. We are grateful to Ms Schenk for her practical insights and for empowering our boys to make smarter nutritional choices

that support their sporting goals and overall well-being.

It is presentations and workshops like these that make Life Orientation both interesting, practical and fun. We hope to have many more of these kinds of workshops in 2026. May I remind you that success in Life Orientation comes with sticking to deadlines, active class discussions as well as zealous staff, who are inventive in the classroom. We strive to create relevant lessons that keep Life Orientation valid and important for the development of the learner. Far from being outdated, Life Orientation is a subject with the potential to evolve, expand and empower learners in diverse and valuable ways.

moderation this year. This means that selected learners' work is shared with other schools, prior to moderation days, not only to check the level of assessments but that marking has been done thoroughly. Constructive feedback is given and always welcomed. We have also taken a slightly different approach to the setting of assessments this year, where each teacher sets a part of the assessment. I am pleased to say that this process has worked well, while the various levels of assessment have always been appropriate and there have been very few discrepancies in marking.



Life SCIENCES

Subject Head:
Mr G. van Heerden

Staff:
Ms K. Odbav and
Mr L. Ferreira

The Life Sciences department is incredibly proud of the class of 2024's achievements. We managed to maintain the percentage of candidates achieving level 7's, with four learners narrowly missing out on their A's. Special mention must be made of Daniel Breetzke and Khaka Booie, who both managed to achieve 92%.

The class of 2025 is poised to perform extremely well in the upcoming NSC examinations. Currently, 30% of the 63 learners, who take Life Sciences, are achieving level

7's. We are, nevertheless, hoping for a few more top marks from those who have been narrowly missing out on those distinctions.

A significant focus of Life Science is that this is a subject that is heavily invested in the application of scientific skills when it comes to assessments. Last year, we made a push to include as much practical work as we possibly could, which saw the boys performing DNA and chlorophyll extractions, as well as heart and kidney dissections. We have continued with this focus in 2025. The response by the learners has been encouraging and they really look forward to their practical sessions. We have some new microscopes on order and hope to introduce more microscope work in 2026.

There has been a more stringent approach to district



It has been a quiet year in terms of staff turnover, which has given the boys the much-needed structure and continuity that they need to thrive. Sadly, at the end of the year we will, however, bid farewell to Mr Luke Ferreira. As an Old Dalian (something we never let him forget), Mr Ferreira has been a part of the all-boys school ethos from a young age. He knows what makes the boys tick and has developed a wonderful rapport with many of them. The dynamic energy that he has brought to the classroom and sports fields, will be sorely missed. We wish him all of the best as he moves on to new opportunities.

MATHEMATICAL Literacy

As we concluded the 2024 academic year, we bid farewell to Mrs Harris and warmly welcomed Mr J. Jacobs as the new Mathematical Literacy educator for 2025. Mr Jacobs has served the department with distinction and has become well-versed in current trends and teaching methods, making him a valuable asset to our team.

The Mathematical Literacy Department remains committed to equipping students with practical mathematical skills applicable to real-life situations. The focus is on enabling learners to interpret information, analyse data critically, and solve everyday problems with confidence. Due to its practical and relatable nature, students often find the subject accessible, which is reflected in the outstanding results achieved by many.

While most learners perform well, there is an ongoing need to encourage students to enhance their work ethic in this subject. Overall, we are pleased with the results across all grades for 2024/25.

As we look back over the past year, we can highlight the following achievements:

2025 PRIZE-GIVING RECOGNITION:

- Grade 10 Top Performer: Jordan Bauer
- Grade 11 Top Performer: Luke Bowman (also the recipient in Grade 10 2024)
- Grade 12 Top Performer: Caleb Heath

GRADE 12 RESULTS (2024):

With a smaller than usual cohort of only 46 learners in 2024, this group achieved some remarkable

Subject Head:

Mr. MC Geldenbuys

Staff:

Mrs. K du Toit, Mr. W Scholl, Mr. D Hartley and Mr. J Jacobs

results in the NSC examinations. They secured a total of 13 subject distinctions, including one result over 90%, resulting in a distinction rate of 28%. All learners passed, contributing to a subject average of 71%, the highest average that has been attained in recent years.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the staff for their enthusiasm and dedication in teaching Mathematical Literacy. Their commitment continues to inspire our students and fosters a positive learning environment.

harder if they want to build a better foundation for grade 12. Their results have, unfortunately, been affected by poor subject combinations throughout the year, where weaker boys may have opted for a combination of Mathematics and Physical Science.

Selborne College continues to offer additional, after hours, enrichment and support classes on a weekly basis, catering for all

(tests).

We, therefore, urge parents to help us to build an approach which views mathematical problems as welcome challenges. Solving such problems after prolonged effort, provides a great sense of achievement, while mistakes made along the way, provide important steps in the learning process. Choosing between Mathematics and Mathematical Literacy is still a

inception of the programme. In May this year, Mr Mona and Mrs Miles attended a celebratory Maths Teacher workshop in Johannesburg, where top schools were awarded trophies and certificates for excellence in Mathematics education. Selborne College was one of the schools who were rewarded for outstanding results over the years. We were, nevertheless, assured by Optima Trusts, that the Teacher Learnership Programme will continue, as a result of which their new main focus will be producing Mathematics educators directly from university. Mr Jaco Jacobs, one of our Mathematics teachers, is a product of this programme.

In closing, I would like to thank my staff for the way in which they handled the challenges that we faced this year; with compassion and reason. It is truly a wonderful staff with whom to work.



of the grades. These classes are free of charge and are taught by experienced staff members from the school. Sadly, many boys do not make use of this opportunity, opting for extra lessons from private tutors. Mathematics is a “doing” subject which requires regular revision and practice by the learner himself. The subject is “unforgiving” and inevitably punishes learner inactivity. If this is the case, no amount of additional lessons can compensate for the daily practice required by the learner himself. If a problem is not attempted, the mistakes from which one learns, are not made, and true learning does not occur. Studying a provided solution is only beneficial if preceded by a genuine engagement with the problem. Just as in sport, regular training is a prerequisite for effective performance in matches

challenge for most boys and this affects their marks in a negative way. We, therefore, urge parents to assist their children in this important subject choice, basing the decision on what the learner achieves.

The additional support offered to the Mathematics Department from the Epoch and Optima Trusts has continued this year, allowing us to continue with our smaller classes in all of the grades. Sadly, the Optima Maths Challenge programme will come to an end at the end of the year, after an eighteen year relationship with some of the selected South African High Schools, including Selborne. We are indeed grateful for all that they have done for the school since the

MATHEMATICS Department

The 2024 Selborne matriculants did well in the 2024 NSC examinations, achieving a pass rate of 94% with an average of 60%. Thirteen candidates obtained a mark of 80% and above. Adam Rogers and Khaka Booi were our top candidates with a mark of 94%. In the 2025 Trial Examinations, Selbornians achieved a 94% pass rate, with an average of 60%, and with 17 of the candidates achieving a mark of 80% or above. Forty-two percent of the class achieved a mark of 60% and above. We are looking forward to the end of the year examinations, in the hopes

Subject Head:

Mr B. Mona

Staff:

Mrs C Golding, Mrs K Du Toit, Mrs M Miles, Messrs J Sparg, M Norman, W Scholl, C Geldenbuys, G Mountfort, J Jacobs.

that these results will improve. Selborne College writes trial examinations in all grades in September and the boys did well in all of the grades, giving us hope for the end of the year examinations. Grade 11's, however, need to work a little





MUSIC Department

In May, we took part in the annual Eisteddfod, receiving three Bronze, six Silver and fourteen Gold awards for individuals in vocal, instrumental, pianoforte and band. Corne Strydom received the medal for Best Instrumentalist (drums), while the Military Band received the medal for the best band/orchestra.



Without a doubt, the musicians have enjoyed another successful and fun-filled year.

Subject Head:
Mr W Paxton

Staff:
Miss J Stemmet, Mr J Blundell,
Mrs L Brent, Mr B Nel

We have had another good, but challenging year, trying to keep the culture of music alive at Selborne College.

We did not do a concert during Cultural Week this year but tried something new when we held the concert after the Eisteddfod, which worked well as it provided the opportunity to showcase those who took part in the Eisteddfod.



I would, once again, like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Stemmet, Mr Blundell, Mrs Brent and Mr Nel for their input in our department and for all of the accompaniments and the extra work that was required, in order to help keep our department running so smoothly.

We sadly say farewell to Mr Blundell, however, as he ventures into a new career, while wishing him all of the best in the years ahead.



Natural SCIENCES

It has been another busy year in the Natural Sciences Department with a few new additions to the team. Mr G. van Heerden returned to the NS department, continuing to add tremendous value with his deep institutional knowledge and experience as former subject head. In addition, we welcomed Mr W. Gumunyu to Selborne College, who relocated from Queen's College. Mr Gumunyu is a highly experienced and qualified Physical Sciences teacher. His passion for the Sciences is evident and the boys are responding to his teaching with great enthusiasm. Both these educators have been instrumental in making the subject more practical and fun.

The Natural Sciences Department endeavours to prepare students with the pre-requisite knowledge and skills to sign up for Physical Sciences and Life Sciences. Part of the mission of the department for this year was to make the subject as practical as possible, while making the subject real and tangible. Throughout the year, learners were exposed to multiple scientific experiments, designed to provide real life exposure to content learned and to instill crucial scientific skills. As a result, these experiments provided our learners with the ability to observe, formulate hypotheses, analyse information and draw conclusions. Some of the experiments conducted included, amongst others:

Subject Head:
Mr L Ferreira

Staff:
Mr G van Heerden,
Mr W Gumunyu,
Mr G Littleford, Mrs A Theron
and Ms K Odhav

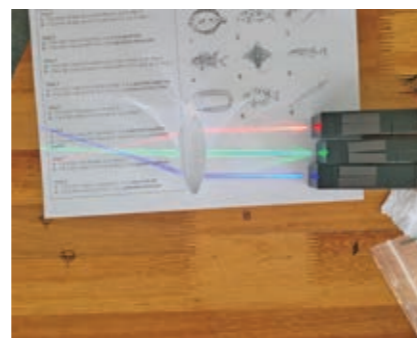
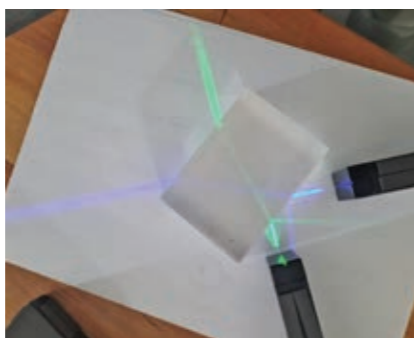
- The effect of duration of exercise on heart rate.
- Acid-Base Neutralization
- The reaction between Magnesium and Oxygen
- The reaction between Magnesium and an acid
- Building of pinhole light boxes
- Building of electrical circuits and investigating OHMS law

- Demonstrating behaviour of light using mirrors and lenses.

At the 2024 Prize-Giving the following students were recognized as the top performers in their respective grades:

- Grade 8: Reece Earl
- Grade 9: Ali Ghazi

I would like to thank the members of this department, whom I truly appreciate, for the way in which they handled the challenges that we have faced this year, for constantly taking the initiative and for always going, beyond the call of duty, for the learners. An exciting 2026 awaits this dynamic and enthusiastic group of teachers.



Physical SCIENCE

Subject Head:
Mr D Hartwanger

Staff:
Mr B Ashmead, Ms A Theron,
Mr G Van Heerden and
Mr W Gumunyu

At the time of writing this report, Selborne Science Department can be proud of the number of boys who are on track to achieve a distinction in this subject by the end of 2025. We have 59 learners preparing to write the final matric Physics examinations. Of these, at least 10 have achieved a distinction level standard throughout the year. This level of achievement does not come without significant hard work. The top achievers can, therefore, all be commended on the fact that they have put sheer blood, sweat and tears into the subject. On behalf of the

teachers at Selborne, we wish all of the matric boys the very best for 2026 and hope that their studies in Physics will open doors for them in their future education.

At the start of the year, Mr. Brian Ashmead, an experienced educator and recently retired, returned to assist us in the Science department, particularly in Grade 12. Along with Mr. Ashmead, special thanks is extended to Ms. Angela Theron and Mr. Gratton Van Heerden, who contributed so significantly, with every class taught. Later on in the year, we were joined by Mr. Wilbert Gumunyu, an experienced Science Educator, who relocated from Queenstown. Without these educators, the academic performance level achieved at Selborne College would not be possible. Selborne College is consistently in the top 5% of schools academically, within the Eastern Cape, particularly in the core subjects of English,

Mathematics and Physics. This achievement would not be possible without competent, hardworking, and committed teachers.

Looking to the future, the emphasis in the classroom is focused on critical thinking, problem solving and creative thought. Practical work is aimed at selected topics, specifically to challenge flawed assumptions or inherited misunderstandings. Without a doubt, the imminent arrival of General Artificial Intelligence is going to force radical changes and reforms in education. The fundamentals of Physics that have stood the test of time will, however, remain so. I look forward to the inevitable changes that will need to occur in the classroom, in terms of how the subject is taught, the detailed content, and core skills mastered. The future, if nothing else, is likely to be both interesting and entertaining.



Services from our CLUBS & SOCIETIES



CADET Band

Master-in-Charge: Mr J. Blundell
Drum Major: Boluncoma Mekuto
Lead Snare Drummer: Thomas Lyon
Lead Trumpeter: Ernst Schutte
Lead Tenor Drummer: Anga Jack
Bass Drummer: Zuko Badli

2025 was another successful year for the Selborne College Cadet Band. Under the leadership of Mr J. Blundell as Master-in-Charge and Boluncoma Mekuto as Drum Major, the Cadet Band spent many hours preparing for the Selborne College Founders' Week. Thomas Lyon played a vital role in the drum line as the Lead Snare Drummer, demonstrating skill throughout the various songs they played, both at the Ceremony of the Key and the Retreat Ceremony. A special word of thanks must be extended to Onesimo Voyi, Kamvalethu Peter, Zuko Badli, Spahle Mbanjwa and Boluncoma Mekuto for their dedication and commitment. As Grade 12 members, they led the band with pride.

Special mention must also be made of the band's Lead Trumpeter, Ernst Schutte. Through countless hours of relentless dedication, he led the trumpet section with exceptional flair. His rendition of the Retreat Sound is a testament to his hard work.

After the Retreat Ceremony, the leadership roles for 2026 were announced:

- Drum Major: Trent Willis
- Lead Snare Drummer: Thomas Lyon
- Lead Trumpeter: Aston Lord
- Lead Tenor Drummer: Anga Jack
- Cadet Band Chairman: Aston Lord

Congratulations to these individuals on their selection. We wish them all the best as they lead the Cadet Band in 2026.

Selborne CHESS Club

The Selborne College Chess Club enjoyed a busy and successful season, competing in numerous fixtures and tournaments across the year. In addition to participating in the Grey College Tournament and several derby matches, Selborne entered teams in both the A and B Border Leagues, gaining valuable experience and strong results throughout. Results during the year were as follows:

GREY COLLEGE TOURNAMENT

Selborne entered three teams of four players each, with each team playing five matches. 3 or more wins were recorded by Tyler Botha (4 wins) and Onesimo Voyi (3 wins) in the A Section, and Adrian Schutte (3 wins, 1 draw) and Keagan Battiss (3 wins) in the B Section. The A Team (Botha, Voyi, Siyolise Ntozakhe and Cwenga Mngonyama)

finished 7th out of 20 teams in the A Section - a commendable result indeed!

DERBY DAY RESULTS

The best individual Derby Day results were achieved by Samuel Chang (13 wins, 1 loss), Tyler Botha (10 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses), Onesimo Voyi (11 wins, 3 losses) and Adrian Schutte (4 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses).

LEAGUE RESULTS

A League results included a 5 - 1 win against Advance for Life and a 1 - 6 loss to John Bisseker. In the B League, a win was recorded against Gonubie (4 - 2), with losses to Ebenezer (4 - 6), Science College (2.5 - 4.5) and Gonubie (1 - 5). The best individual league results were achieved by Tyler Botha, Siyolise Ntozakhe, Cwenga Mngonyama and Sandile Mbamali (all 2 wins), with Qiniso Mhlambiso recording 1 win and 1 draw.

Master-in-Charge:

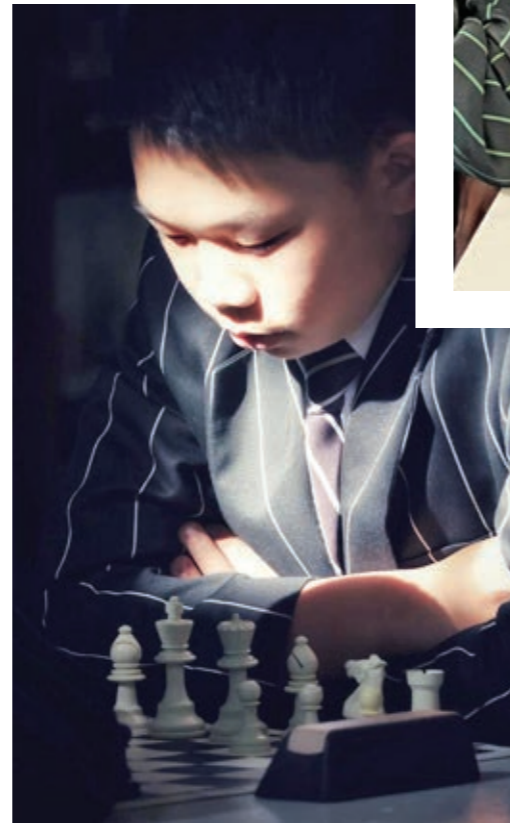
Mr B Ashmead

Captain:

Onesimo Voyi

Vice-Captain:

Siyolise Ntozakhe



CHESS Club

Front Row: D Gower, K Boto, Mr B Ashmead, O Voyi (Captain), Mr N Erasmus (Deputy Headmaster), S Ntozakhe (Vice-Captain), T Botha
 Second Row: K Fokozi, N Ncalo, S Lukose, T Maré, A Cyriac, N Gopakumar, T Vinoth Kumar, A Ghazi, N Kebe, K Sinam
 Third Row: Q Lisani, I Ndllebe, E Mpeta, T Makuti, Q Peters, Y Chang, A Bomela
 Back Row: A Schutte, A Ndzundzu, S James, K Peter, E Koshy, L Ningiza, Q Mhlambiso

In addition, Selborne College hosted the Border Trials in March, contributing to the development of regional chess. Several Selbornians represented Border Chess at various competitions - Adrian Schutte (U18), Tyler Botha, Daniel Gower, and Samuel Chang (U16). We congratulate Tyler Botha on winning the Eastern Cape Closed Tournament (Chang second) and finishing second in the Buffalo City Team Event. Samuel Change won the Buffalo City Trials.

DERBY DAY RESULTS	
OPPONENT	RESULT
Queen's (away)	Lost 3 - 9
Queen's (home)	Lost 3.5 - 6.5
Dale (home)	Drew 5 - 5
Dale (away)	Won 6 - 4
Grey College (away) Round 1	Lost 2 - 8
Grey College (away) Round 2	Won 6 - 4
Grey High (home)	Lost 1 - 6
Pearson	Won 5 - 1
St Andrew's College Round 1	Won 8 - 2
St Andrew's College Round 2	Won 8.5 - 1.5
Hudson Park	Drew 2 - 2
Stirling High	Drew 4.5 - 4.5
Port Rex	Won 5.5 - 4.5
Cambridge High	Won 5 - 1
Merrifield College	Lost 0.5 - 8.5

2025 CULTURAL Week

The Selborne College Cultural Week took place from 14th to 20th March 2025 and was, once again, a great success. This year, the programme was adapted slightly by moving the Music Evening to a later date. Additionally, the Market Day was taken over by the newly-formed Entrepreneurial Society, and was thus held later in the year as well. The Cultural Week started on Friday 14th March with The Bruce

Gardiner Memorial Evening with Lloy Brent and Friends. The evening featured performances by several Old Selbornians, including Jacques Du Plessis, Jonathan Buitendag and Byron Nel. Many well-known musicians and music educators from East London joined them on the stage. The highlight of the evening saw twelve pianists on stage playing together. The evening was well-attended and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The Guitar Evening took place in the Music Centre on Monday 17 March, with a number of our learners showing off their talents vocally and on guitar. Particularly impressive performances were given by Connor Miles, Connor Maree and Sol Van Der Zee. Several Old Selbornian educators also displayed their talents on the stage. Messrs Charles Du Plessis, Danté Deere, Jordan Blundell and Grattan van Heerden all made impressive





contributions to the evening. The programme concluded with an Old Boy collaboration, which saw the audience eagerly singing along.

Tuesday morning saw the Interhouse Street-Art Competition take place, with learners displaying their skills for their houses. The isiXhosa Talent Show took place in the evening and was well supported and enjoyed by learners from Selborne and other East London schools, as well as the greater community. The evening also raised a substantial amount of money, which the isiXhosa Society donated to a worthy cause.



Interhouse Quiz took place on Thursday, with both learners and staff members having the opportunity to challenge each other's knowledge. The Interhouse Plays were held that night, providing learners with the opportunity to showcase their dramatic skills. All plays were written and directed by the learners themselves. This year, Perry House came first, with Ronald Theron writing and directing the winning play.

Thanks must be given to all the staff members who helped coordinate another successful Cultural Week.



DEBATING Society

Teacher-in-Charge:
Mrs S Hartmann

Staff:
Ms K Odhav

Let's go!

The 2025 debating season at Selborne College has been successful in a myriad of ways. It has been enormously encouraging to witness the milestones reached and drastic improvements made by all the debaters. The Seniors (i.e., debaters in Grade 10 and above) enjoyed a successful derby season, winning all of their debates against schools from around the country – a stark contrast against the team's performance last year. Additionally, the team performed well enough in the



Border League to qualify for the Provincial Championships, once again demonstrating Selborne's consistency as one of the top debating schools in Buffalo City. Our juniors continue to grow, and their eagerness to learn and ask questions is admirable. We are excited to see what they bring to the table in a year or two's time. They also qualified for the

Provincial Championships this year.

ADJUDICATION AND TRAINING

We would not be where we are as a society without the time and effort put in by our qualified learner and staff adjudicators. Special mention must be made to our Grade 12 learners who made themselves available on

Wednesday afternoons during our Border League, as well as our very busy derby season. These gentlemen not only adjudicated debates, but would also chair, time-keep and set up venues if needed. They proved to be invaluable to the society and often gave our own debaters insightful feedback after watching their debates. Triumphant Bamitale, Mbongeni Wolela and Methembe Masuku took a special interest in training our juniors. A big thank you must be made to them, as often this kind of work is not seen or given a lot of credit. I can honestly say that the growth and success of our juniors is largely due to their time, effort and presence in training.



“... Selborne's consistency as one of the top debating schools in Buffalo City ...”



DEBATING Society

Front Row: E Kakia, Mr K Odhav, S Addam, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), N Matiwane, Mrs S Hartmann, M Mfana

Middle Row: A Ghazi, M Pasiya, K Qonqo, J Matebe, M Wolela, M Masuku, Q Lisani, A Melane, S Lukose.

Back Row: T Bamitale, D Swanepole, M Pupuma, AQ Marais, A Sajan, Q Matiti



JUNIOR COACHING

We would also like to thank our external coach, Mr Sibu Gaca, who spent hours preparing the juniors for their debates. Mr Gaca's coaching strategy for the debaters begins with breathwork and short mind-presence exercises to create calm focus and provide tools

for stress management. He wants students to recognise that managing nerves is as much a skill as delivering arguments. Each session then moves onto a guided exploration of motions and topics, where juniors learn to identify key issues and simplify complex ideas. They break down motions into clear components, enabling students to develop a structured thinking approach. He also places strong emphasis on speaker roles, ensuring that learners understand their individual responsibilities while also appreciating the teamwork required in a debate. Throughout, learners engage in drill and speaking opportunities, so that theory is always paired with

practice. Feedback is framed positively to reinforce confidence and encourage a growth mindset. The goal is for debaters to leave each session with greater resilience, clarity of thought and pride in their ability to speak.

THE PROVINCIAL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The highlight of the year came during the aforementioned Provincial Championships, held during the first weekend of August at Clarendon High School. The senior team, comprising of Ndalo Matiwane, Sihle Addam, Mandré Strydom and Mfundo Mfana, produced stellar results and debated brilliantly throughout the tournament, culminating in Selborne College winning the Senior Plate Final.



Special mention must be made of Sihle Addam, who ranked second in the province as an individual speaker and was selected to represent and captain one of the Eastern Cape Teams at the National Schools' Debating Championships to be held in December. He has improved tremendously this year, and his achievements are especially remarkable given that he is a Grade 12 learner and provincial selectors tend to be partial towards learners in lower grades owing to their greater potential for growth. Sihle's selection to the Eastern Cape squad clearly indicates that he made an impression on this year's cohort of adjudicators and selectors. While Sihle has always been a decent speaker, his drastic improvement – seemingly out of the blue – should serve as an example to those who come after him. It was even reported that he was nicknamed the "Dark Horse" of the championships. We wish

him well as he leads his team to upcoming success.

We are also thrilled to announce that Alvin Sajan (Grade 9) has been selected to represent the Junior Eastern Cape Team. We know that he will give his best and look forward to welcoming him back as a senior next year. We would also like to acknowledge Ndalo Matiwane, a Grade 12 learner who has been the bedrock of the senior team for some time now. His pensive, deliberate and clear speaking style is a testament to his well-organised mind. He has been a pleasure to coach in light of how positively responsive he has been towards critique and feedback. Although he was not selected for the provincial squad, he has certainly proven that he is on par with the best debaters in the province. The Sihle and Ndalo combination proved lethal during the

Provincial Championships.

Mandr  Strydom, another Grade 12 learner, is a powerful asset to any debating team. His depth of knowledge and keen analytical instincts have made him especially valuable. He is the team's resident expert in matters of politics and economics, which is noteworthy because it is rare for a high school debater (or indeed any learner) to be as conversant and well-informed on these topics as he is. With a fiery and expressive speaking style, he has also drastically improved since he first started with external coaching. Mfundo Mfana, a Grade 11 learner, has also been enormously useful throughout the season. I particularly appreciate his penchant for asking probing and deep questions during



training sessions and debates. This offers evidence of his innate skill for critical thinking. He vastly exceeded all expectations during the Provincial Championships and, we believe, at his current skill level, he stands poised to take Selborne College Debating to greater heights next year. Mr Zuko Cawe, another one of our external coaches, looks forward to working with him and the new cohort of seniors next year.

SENIOR COACHING

A word from Mr Cawe: "It has been my honour and pleasure to work with the debating team at Selborne College this year. I wish these gentlemen nothing but the best as they hunker down for their final examinations. I am certain that they will continue to excel in all their endeavours. I hope that debating and the skills of thinking and communication will prove useful in all their future exploits." A big thank you to Mr Cawe, who so passionately inspired our seniors this year. Your workshops on argumentation strengthened the team and encouraged them to push themselves beyond their expectations.

GO TEAM!

As the year comes to an end, we bid farewell to our Grade 12 learners. You will be missed, but we do not doubt that the society will continue to make you proud. Thank you to Ms Odhav for all that you do. You are always willing to step in at the last minute, and your supportive role does not go unnoticed. It has been an honour having you as part of the society. An African proverb states: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together". While individual effort can lead to quick success, lasting achievements, growth and success require the support and collaboration of a team. Thank you to the team! Bring on 2026!

DRAMATIC Society



House boys that took part in the production, while Ronald Theron's winning play, which was further developed and expanded, reached the top position in ATKV Tienertoneel.

The competition took place during Cultural Week. Our Dramatic Society encourages original writing and for boys to step into various roles within the performance arts, allowing them to write, direct and stage their own mini-plays. The plays were privileged to be adjudicated by local theatre practitioners Pieter Taljaard (Gonubie High School) and Charné van den Bergh (Stirling High School).

INTERHOUSE PLAYS

2025 was a record-breaking year for the annual Interhouse Play Competition. Fuller House, under the leadership of Abdul-Qadir Marais, broke records in terms of the number of Fuller

The following awards were made:

- Best lighting technician: Methembe Masuku (Crewe)
- Best sound technician: Olwethu Fani (Perry)
- Best stage manager: Aluve Melane (Crewe)

Teacher-in-Charge

Ms J. Stemmet

- Best overall handling of technical aspects: Perry
- Most promising actor: Abdul-Qadir Marais (Fuller)
- Most promising actor in a supporting role: Sikhokele Kente (Crewe)
- Best actor in a leading role:



Proscenium National Drama Competition. He received a trophy and a cash prize, and was also cast in a professional production, set to be developed by some of South Africa's top theatre practitioners. This production, 'Joshlin: Meer As 'n Naam', was performed at the Stellenbosch Woortfees in October 2025, and will also be performed at other national arts festivals during the course of 2026, including the renowned Klein Karoo Nasionale Kunstefees.

ATKV REZA DE WET TIENERTONEELFEES

The Selborne College Dramatic Society was once again invited as one of the top drama schools nationally to take part in the prestigious ATKV Reza de Wet Tienertoneelfees, hosted by C&N Sekondêre Meisieskool Oranje.

Our learners had the opportunity to take the stage at the incredible Wynand Mouton Theatre,

“... Our Dramatic Society encourages original writing and for boys to step into various roles ...”

performed monologues on the magnificent Artscape stage. Ronald Theron progressed to the following round (Top 30), followed by another progression to the Top 16. This afforded him not only the rare opportunity to perform on the Artscape stage, but also to audition in the SABC studios for overdubbing and a radiodrama, as well as on the Kyknet set for the soapie, Suidooster. Abdul-Qadir Marais also received a call-back to audition for a radio drama, set to be broadcast on RSG during 2026.

After much anticipation, Ronald was informed that he had progressed to the Top 8, for which he had to perform a fully-blocked individual theme programme with added technical aspects. At the prestigious prize-giving ceremony, he was announced as the overall winner of the



DRAMA Society and TAKE-5

Front Row: K Sinam, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), A-Q Marais (Chairman), Ms J Stemmet (MIC & Director), M Wolela
 Middle Row: K Mbande, L Zondi, O Fani, T Bamitale, M Ndleleni, A Melane, S Silwana
 Back Row: H Qutywa, E Schutte, M Mabula, S Kente, L Dyantyi
 Absent: Luble Vellem, Bukho Gobe, Ronald Theron, LE Mjiwu, M Masuku

- Ronald Theron (Perry)
- Best actor in a supporting role: Mvelo Ndleleni (Fuller) & Mbongeni Wolela (Malcomess)
- Best ensemble: Perry
- Best script: Aluve Melane with Terra (Crewe)
- Best director: Ronald Theron (Perry)
- Winning play: *Isaiah* (Perry)

PROSCENIUM NATIONAL DRAMA COMPETITION

Some members of the Dramatic Society took part in the national Proscenium Drama Competition. Following an Eastern Cape preliminary round at Selborne College, Ronald Theron, Abdul-Qadir Marais and Libubom'Elam Mjiwu were selected as Top 70 finalists out of over 700 contestants nationally. They travelled to Cape Town and

presenting their performance of *as die wewer ophou dans*, written and directed by Ms Jo-Aithne Stemmet. The incredibly moving performance received fantastic reviews from the audience and adjudicators alike.

ATKV TIENERTONEEL: EASTERN CAPE

The society then took part in the national ATKV Tienertoneel at the Opera House in Gqeberha in August. Our learners participated in four plays this year, namely *Iets Het Onder Die Wilgerboom Gebeur*, written and directed by Mr Byron Nel; *Die Stoele*, written by Eugene Ionesco and directed by Ms Stemmet; *as die wewer ophou dans*, written and directed by Ms Stemmet; as well as



- in the role of *Nihil*
- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Ernst Schutte for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Sazi Silwana for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Mlevi Mabula for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Liyabukwa Zondi for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Kwande Mbande for ensemble

- Ms Stemmet for soundtrack design
- Ms Stemmet for choreography

PROVINCIAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

- Kwakhanya Sinam for best lighting operator
- *as die wewer ophou dans* for best overall handling of technical aspects

“... Our casts and crews received standing ovations and fantastic feedback ...”



school in the provincial final round with three productions. *Jesaja* was named as the winning play in the Eastern Cape, with *Die Stoele* placing closely second, and *as die wewer ophou dans* third.

The plays received the following awards:

IETS HET ONDER DIE WILGERBOOM GEBEUR

BRONZE

- Mr Nel for set design

SILVER

- Sazi Silwana as stage manager
- Abdul-Qadir Marais as lighting operator
- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu as sound operator
- Sikhokele Kente for stage assistance
- Kwande Mbande for stage assistance
- Ernst Schutte for stage assistance

Selborne College's learner-only entry of the competition, *Jesaja*, written by Ronald Theron and directed by Ronald and Abdul-Qadir Marais.

Our casts and crews received standing ovations and fantastic feedback, and, for the first time in ATKV Tienertoneel history, Selborne College was the only

PROVINCIAL AWARD

- Abdul-Qadir Marais received the medal for best lighting operator

AS DIE WEWER OPHOU DANS

SILVER

- Luhle Vellem as sound operator
- Hephzibah Qutywa for acting in the role of *Nullus*
- Aluve Melane for acting in the role of *Kairos*
- Mvelo Ndleleni for acting in the role of *Vacuus*
- Ronald Theron for acting in the role of *Inanis*

GOLD

- Overall production
- Liyema Dyantyi for stage management
- Bukho Gobe for stage assistance
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for stage assistance
- Mr Michael Richter for set construction
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for acting



- acting as *Araneorum*
- Sikhokele Kente for ensemble acting as *Araneorum*
- Ms Stemmet for the script as *die wewer ophou dans*
- Ms Stemmet for costume design
- Ms Stemmet for set design
- Ms Stemmet for lighting design

- Abdul-Qadir Marais for best actor in a leading role
- Luhle Vellem for best sound operator

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

- *as die wewer ophou dans's* *Araneorum* receives a

provincial medal for best ensemble

DIE STOELE

BRONZE

- Aluve Melane for acting the role of *Die Praatman*

SILVER

- Liyabukwa Zondi as stage manager
- Mvelo Ndleleni as lighting operator
- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu as sound operator
- Aluve Melane for stage assistance
- Hephzibah Qutywa for stage assistance

GOLD

- Overall production
- Ronald Theron for acting as *Ouboet*
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for acting as *Junior*
- Ms Stemmet for direction
- Ms Stemmet for adaptation and translation

- Ms Stemmet for set design

CUM LAUDE

- Ronald Theron for ensemble acting as *Ouboet en Junior*
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for ensemble acting as *Ouboet en Junior*

PROVINCIAL NOMINATIONS

- Die Stoele for best overall handling of technical aspects
- Ronald Theron and Abdul-Qadir Marais for best ensemble
- Ronald Theron for best actor in a leading role
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for best actor in a leading role
- Ms Stemmet for best director

- assistance
- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu for stage assistance
- Sazi Silwana for stage assistance
- Aluve Melane for stage assistance
- Ernst Schutte for stage assistance
- Sikhokele Kente for stage assistance
- Kwande Mbande for stage assistance

GOLD

- The production, *Jesaja*.
- Ronald Theron for the script, *Jesaja*.
- Ms Stemmet for translation
- Ronald Theron for direction
- Abdul-Qadir Marais for



- Kwakhanya Sinam for best lighting operator
- *Die Nagmerries* for best ensemble
- Liyabukwa Zondi for best actor in a leading role

PROVINCIAL AWARDS

- *Jesaja* for best overall handling of technical aspects
- Ronald Theron receives a medal for best actor in a leading role
- Ronald Theron and Abdul-Qadir Marais each receive a medal for best director
- *Jesaja* receives a medal for best production

ATKV TIENERTONEEL: NATIONAL FINALS

In a remarkable turn of events, *Jesaja* progressed to the national final round of the ATKV Tienertoneel in the Baxter Theatre, held in Cape Town in October. The production was one of the Top 8 productions and was the only learner-only production in the finals. As a result, *Jesaja* was also named the best learner-only production in the country.

Jesaja achieved the following results:

- Hephzibah Qutywa received a national nomination for best stage manager
- Ronald Theron received a national nomination for best actor in a leading role

Ronald was also selected to appear on ATKV's agent roll - a remarkable achievement! He will receive an agent to assist him in securing future roles in theatre, television and film, fully funded by ATKV. This is truly a remarkable achievement - congratulations to all involved!

BUFFALO CITY EISTEDDFOD (ELFEST)

Our Dramatic Society took part in the local Eisteddfod in celebration of the Creative Arts in East London. Our learners entered various categories and received the following awards:

A. INDIVIDUAL POETRY

- Hephzibah Qutywa (bronze)
- Kwande Mbande (silver)
- Nevaeh Govind (gold)
- Aluve Melane (gold)
- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold +)
- Mlevi Mabula (gold +)
- Ronald Theron (gold ++)
- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu (gold ++)
- Ronald received the trophy for the best individual poetry in Grade 12

B. MONOLOGUE

- Triumphant Bamitale (silver)
- Hephzibah Qutywa (gold)
- Aluve Melane (gold +)
- Mlevi Mabula (gold +)
- Liyabukwa Zondi (gold ++ and medal)
- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold ++ and medal)

C. SHAKESPEARE SONNET

- Aluve Melane (gold)

- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold)
- Hephzibah Qutywa (gold ++ and medal)
- Ronald Theron (gold ++ and medal)
- Ronald also received the trophy for best senior Shakespeare sonnet

D. ORIGINAL VERSE

- Kwande Mbande (silver)
- Mbongeni Wolela (gold)
- Triumphant Bamitale (gold)
- Mlevi Mabula (gold)
- Sikhokele Kente (gold +)
- Silubonile Mayaba (gold +)

E. Prose

- Aluve Melane (gold)
- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold +)

F. Afrikaans prose

- Ronald Theron (gold ++ and medal)

- Abdul-Qadir Marais (gold ++ and medal)

G. Afrikaans monologues

- Hephzibah Qutywa (gold)
- Mlevi Mabula (gold +)
- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold +)
- Abdul-Qadir Marais (gold +)
- Ronald Theron (gold ++ and medal)
- Liyabukwa Zondi (gold ++ and medal)
- Ronald also received the trophy for the best senior Afrikaans monologue

H. AFRIKAANS POETRY

- Libubom'Elam Mjiwu (gold)
- Abdul-Qadir Marais (gold ++ and medal)

I. IsiXhosa Poetry

- Silubonile Mayaba (gold)
- Mvelo Ndleleni (gold)



JESAJA.

SILVER

- Hephzibah Qutywa as stage manager
- Kwakhanya Sinam as lighting operator
- Mvelo Ndleleni as sound operator
- Liyema Dyanti for stage

- direction
- Ronald Theron for set design
- Ronald Theron for soundtrack design
- Ronald Theron for lighting design
- Ronald Theron for acting in the role of *Jesaja*
- Liyabukwa Zondi for acting in the role of *Sion*
- Ronald Theron for ensemble



FIRST AID Society

Master-in-Charge:
Mr G Ndlovu

Chairman:
Zandre September

The First Aid Society has played an essential role throughout the 2025 school year, ensuring the safety and well-being of learners during both academic and sporting activities. Our main goal has been to provide prompt and effective medical attention to all learners and staff members whenever the need arises, while also promoting awareness of basic health and safety practices across the school.

The society was led by this year's Grade 12 learners: Zandre September, Levile Zulu and Karrick Horrmann. Throughout the year, our members attended to a wide range of minor and moderate injuries sustained during normal school activities. These included cuts, bruises, sprains and occasional fainting spells. Proper documentation and follow-up care were maintained for each case, ensuring accountability and safety compliance. We began the year with the training of our junior members, who attended the Responder's Course through Red Alert EMS. Nine Grade 8 learners were trained, and all passed the introductory course. They quickly joined the society and started contributing to our busy programme.

The First Aid Society provided consistent support during all major sporting codes and events. These included:

- Rugby: Attended to muscular strains, a broken wrist and collar bone, minor concussions, and bruises commonly associated with contact play;
- Hockey: Managed ankle sprains, abrasions, and stick-related injuries during both training sessions and tournaments;
- Athletics: Provided care for dehydration, muscle cramps, and heat exhaustion during interhouse events;
- Interhouse Events: Ensured full coverage during all competitive and fun activities, responding to minor injuries quickly and efficiently;
- Water Polo: Managed cases of muscle strain, cramps, and



FIRST AID Society

Front Row: K Mjuza, K Horrmann, Mr G Ndlovu (MiC), Z September, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Zulu, L Zondi
 Second Row: O Fani, D Swanepoel, T Bamitale, M Kambule, M Ndiki, R Govind
 Third Row: C Frchet, A Jakobi, Z September, L Zazi, O Qomiyana
 Back Row: L Peter, S Adams, L Liebenberg, L Forsyth

minor impacts sustained during both practices and competitive fixtures.

The First Aid members continued to develop their knowledge and readiness through refresher sessions and on-the-job experience. The team maintained the first aid kits regularly, ensuring that supplies, such as bandages, antiseptics, ice packs and gloves, were adequately stocked at all times. Although displaying sound knowledge and confidence, there is always a need for additional training in handling sports-



related concussions and heat-related illnesses. We look forward to implementing the following structures in 2026:

- Continuous training for First Aid members and staff members;
- Improved coordination with sports coaches for proactive injury prevention;
- Setting up a designated First



Aid station during all major school events.

First Aid Awards were given to Zandre September (Best Senior First Aider), Rael Govind (Most Hours in First Aid) and Lethokuhle Magugwana (Best Junior First Aider). The First Aid Society has successfully fulfilled its mandate

of ensuring the safety and prompt care of learners throughout the year. The dedication of its members and support from staff have contributed greatly to the overall health and safety culture within the school. We look forward to another productive year of service, growth, and enhanced readiness.

GUITAR Club

The goal of the Selborne College Guitar Club is to foster an appreciation amongst our learners for a beautifully versatile instrument, and, in this regard, we have been most fortunate this year. Under the passionate leadership of Brynn Raubenheimer and the enthusiasm of Sol van der Zee, we have seen quite a few new faces joining the ranks and developing their guitar skills.

The Guitar Evening, held during the first term as part of Cultural Week, was again held in the Music Centre. The inclement weather, however, did not deter people from coming to hear the

Master-in-Charge:
Mr G. Van Heerden

talent on offer, and it was great to have a large contingent of learners from Norton House to support their peers. We started the evening off with the entire Guitar Club on stage playing Riptide by Vance Joy. It was an awesome opportunity to get them up together, break the ice, and get rid of any nerves.

All the performances were top quality, and you could see the effort that had gone into practising. Connor Miles, a new



putting on an “Old Boys Ensemble”. Messrs Du Plessis, Deere, Blundell (on trumpet) and Van Heerden joined together to perform a song called Home by Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros.

We are fortunate to only be losing a small number of Grade 12 learners at the end of 2025, and, with talk of including more events in next year’s calendar, 2026 is certainly shaping up to be an entertaining year.

Grade 8 recruit, was one of the standout performers, and we are excited to see what he will have in store for us in the years to come. Brynn and Levile Zulu gave us a soulful rendition of Creep by Radiohead, while Sol showed us some incredible solo instrumental work on the loop pedal, making it sound like an entire band was on stage. Traditionally, we invite an Old Selbornian to play in the evening. This year, however, was a bit different, with several talented musicians from the staff



GUITAR Club

Front Row: C Maree, Mr G Van Heerden (MiC), B Raubenheimer, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Zulu
 Middle Row: J Penniall, L Xokiyana, E Santos, S van der Zee
 Back Row: M Mabula, B Arnold and O Ewing



HORTICULTURAL Society

Master-in-Charge:
Mr C Breytenbach

Chairman:
Matthew Hartwig

roses are lavenders and salvias, chosen for their fragrance, colour and ability to thrive alongside roses. Around the central cycad, fuchsias and calibrachoa were planted to add texture and bursts of seasonal colour. The overall design maintains the quad’s theme of white blooms in reverence to past staff, while the double delight roses introduce a touch of warmth and vibrancy that symbolises passion for our heritage.



In addition to this major project, several ongoing initiatives have been undertaken across the campus. These include filling existing pots with compost and flowers, planting new blooms in the College Block quad, and pruning shrubs and trees around the grounds to maintain healthy growth and structure. This year’s planting highlights

have added both beauty and meaning to the Selborne College gardens. The iceberg roses preserve a sense of serenity and respect in the Memorial Quad, while the lavenders and salvias enhance the area with their soft colours and fragrance, creating a welcoming and reflective atmosphere.

As the society looks ahead, there is a strong sense of excitement and optimism about the future of gardening at Selborne College. We hope to see more young Selbornians getting involved and sharing in the pride of enhancing our school’s gardens, one garden bed at a time. A heartfelt thank you goes to all the members of the Horticultural Society for their time, effort and hard work throughout the year. We also extend our appreciation to the school for the opportunity to work in the gardens, and to everyone who continues to support the society and its vision for a greener, more beautiful Selborne.

The Horticultural Society continued to build on the solid foundation established in its first year, with renewed enthusiasm and creativity shown by its members. Under the incoming chairmanship of Matthew Hartwig, the society has demonstrated commitment, diligence and insight, ensuring that each project contributes meaningfully to the beauty and heritage of Selborne College.

Our main project for the year was the Memorial Quad garden, where we planted a mixture of standard and bush roses — primarily white icebergs with two double delight roses added for contrast. Complementing the



HORTICULTURAL Society

Front Row: L Tinhof, Mr C Breytenbach (MiC), M Hartwig, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Silwana
 Back Row: R Govind, K Madubedube, C Hartwig, L de Vries, M Mabula, K Mbalu

INTERACT Society



Valentine's Gift Sale allowed students to pre-order and send heartfelt gifts to friends, teachers, and loved ones - a wonderful way to celebrate kindness and connection. This was followed by the much-anticipated Valentine's Disco, which saw enthusiastic participation from Grade 8 and 9 learners. Both events raised significant funds, which directly supported our outreach projects throughout the year.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Our core mission remains community upliftment, and this year was no exception. The Interact team participated in several impactful outreach initiatives:

- Love Lunchboxes: Selbornians were encouraged to contribute sandwiches, snacks and fruit to our Love Lunchbox drive every Thursday. These items were delivered to

Master-in-Charge:

Mrs S Minnaar and Mr T Warren

President:

Levile Zulu

Vice-President:

Luca Liebenburg

Committee Members:

Triumphant Bamitale, Kean Meyer, Madav Nair, Mahadev Nair, Zandre September, Mandre Strydom, Brynn Raubenheimer, Rael Govind, Zane September, Nico van der Venter and Navaeh Govind.

- Southernwood Primary School.
- CHOC VISITS: A small group of Interactors visited the Children's Cancer Ward

This year has been one of exceptional growth, service and spirit for our Interact Committee. As a youth wing of Rotary International, Interact continues to thrive at our school, inspiring learners to live out the values of compassion, leadership and community service. The 2025 Committee were inducted at a special lunch at the end of the third term of 2024, where the outgoing Grade 12 Committee officially handed over to the new committee, under the leadership of Levile Zulu. We began the year with a full day of brainstorming and planning to ensure the year ran with focus and clear objectives.

VALENTINE'S FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

To kick off the year with energy and heart, the committee hosted two highly successful fundraising initiatives in February. Our



INTERACT Committee

Front Row: Mrs S Minnaar (MiC), L Liebenburg, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), L Zulu (President), Mr T Warren
 Middle Row: N Govind, R Govind, T Bamitale, K Meyer, Z September, N van de Venter
 Back Row: Z September, M Susanth Nair, M Susanth Nair, B Raubenheimer.



at the Frere Hospital on Wednesday afternoons. These visits allowed the Selbornians to interact with children by playing board games and building puzzles.

- CANSA Relay for Life: Members joined this event to raise cancer awareness and support survivors and families affected by the disease.
- Easter Egg Drive: Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we collected an astounding 7000 Easter eggs. These

were distributed to children in underprivileged communities and hospital wards, spreading joy during the Easter season.

- Care Bottle Drive: Learners were encouraged to fill bottles with essentials such as toiletries and snacks, which were donated to the DJ Sobey Retirement Home. We were also able to give each staff member a small treat.
- Copper Drive: This small-change campaign, driven

by St Bernard's Hospice, invited learners to donate their spare coins, proving that even the smallest contributions can make a big impact.

- Jersey Week: Learners and staff contributed warm clothing during May, which was donated to the East London Child and Youth Centre.
- Shoe and Uniform Drive: The outgoing Grade 12 learners were encouraged to donate their school shoes, shirts and



pants, which were donated to less-fortunate school communities.

LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

In addition to our fundraising and outreach efforts, Interact also prioritises personal growth and leadership:

- We proudly hosted an inter-schools social, bringing together Interact Committees from various schools to share ideas, build networks and enjoy a sense of camaraderie.
- A group of our learners attended the Inter-Schools Interact Conference at Stirling High School, where they engaged in workshops



and heard from guest speakers. They returned inspired to make an even greater impact.

- Our President, Levile Zulu and Committee Member, Rael Govind, were selected to represent Selborne College at the annual RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership A...)

LOOKING BACK WITH GRATITUDE

As the year draws to a close, I am immensely proud of our Interact Committee. Their dedication, creativity and heart for service continue to uplift our school and broader community. Our chairman, Levile Zulu, led by example, and his servant heart ensured that our club remained goal-focused. He had a remarkable ability to inspire and motivate the committee.

A sincere thank you goes out to Mr Dewar, our senior management team, every staff member, donors who supported us and YOU, the Selborne community, who contributed to the success of our projects this year. Lastly, to Mr Warren - thank you for your assistance and support this year. We value your willingness to help, especially with the CHOC visits at the Frere Hospital. We wish you well as you head "down under" and hope and pray that you and your wife are blessed as you make Australia your new home.

As Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Interact remains more than a club - it is a movement of young changemakers. I have no doubt that the future is in good hands.



IsiXHOSA Society



2025 was filled with many activities, and every member of the society was energetic from the start, ensuring that the society enjoyed an exceptional year. A big thank you must go to the committed teachers, committee members, pupils and parents for their ongoing support. In a world that is constantly changing, the beauty of diversity

remains a timeless source of inspiration and connection within the Selborne community. We introduce the concept of diversity within our society through the inclusion of exciting events in our programme. These include afro-beats choreography and the multicultural fashion parade, which showcased many traditional outfits, including the AmaXhosa, AmaZulu and

Teacher-in-Charge:
Mrs N Mnwana-Mini

Chairman:
Anganathi Myeki

Vice-Chairman:
Khazimla Soji

Treasurer:
Lamla Malusi

Trustee:
Aviwe Jikwana

Secretary:
Sonwabise Adonis

PRO:
Lukhanyiso Mjo



IsiXHOSA Society

Front Row: S Mayoba, Ms B Kelepu, A Myeki, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Uliithemba
Back Row: S Adonis, A Jikwana, L Malusi, L Mjo, K Soji, K Xhuma
Inset: Mrs N MnwanaMini (Teacher-in-Charge)

Hindu cultures. The Committee Members were happy with the integration of diversity into our society, as our aim remained to be a place where all Selbornians should feel welcome.

The IsiXhosa Cultural Evening took the form of a fundraising initiative through a talent show.

The evening played a major role in helping raise funds for the Zanozo Children's Home and saw learners engaging with the community to raise both awareness and funds for this worthy cause. A sizeable grocery donation of R30000 was made to the home.

Towards the end of the year, we held our end-of-year luncheon and celebrated the society's accomplishments. The occasion brought everyone together in a joyful and memorable atmosphere. It offered a perfect balance of celebration and reflection, allowing participants



shared your knowledge and wisdom, but have also inspired us to think critically and dream boldly. Your encouragement during challenging times has instilled in us the confidence to overcome obstacles and to strive for excellence. Each lesson you've imparted has shaped us into who we are today, and for that, we are eternally grateful. We congratulate you and wish you the best of luck for the year ahead.

Kwande apho nithatha khona manenekazi, sibamba ngazo zozibini!



of sound, lights and stage work has been instrumental in the success of our events. Their commitment has not only uplifted our society but also inspired us to continue celebrating and promoting our culture with pride. We deeply appreciate their dedication and constant encouragement.

The IsiXhosa Society's theme for the year, Push! Push Until Something Happens, has been a powerful source of inspiration and resilience. It reminded us to push beyond limits, to persevere

through challenges, and to strive for excellence in everything we do. Through our events, performances and cultural celebrations, we embodied the spirit of pushing forward with courage and determination. This theme united us, encouraged growth and strengthened our sense of purpose, leaving a lasting impact that will guide us into the future.

As the IsiXhosa Society, we aim to offer the young children of Zanozo Children's Home a glimpse of hope. Giving back to those in need is essential

for building a passionate and connected society. Acts of kindness, whether through donations, volunteering, or support, help bridge the gap between privilege and poverty. When we give back, we not only improve the lives of others but also foster empathy, gratitude and a sense of community. Supporting those in need can uplift individuals and inspire hope during difficult times. It reminds us that everyone deserves dignity and opportunity. By giving back, we become part of something larger than ourselves - working toward a more just, supportive and humane world for all. The IsiXhosa Society of 2025 indeed displayed that mindset. Mission accomplished!

THE 2025 COMMITTEE'S SPECIAL MESSAGE TO MRS MNWANA-MINI:

We would like to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to Mrs Mswana-Mini and Miss Kelepu, who have both played an invaluable role in our journey as leaders – our mentors. Your guidance, support and unwavering belief in us have been the cornerstones of our achievements. You have not only



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Messrs Paxton and Blundell for their unwavering support of the IsiXhosa Society throughout the year. Their generous provision

MILITARY Band

Master-in-Charge:

Mr W Paxton

Chairman:

Landen Botha

Drum-Major:

Dominic Stegmann



The Military Band welcomed one new member this year, namely Connor Miles. The first concert was Music in the Park at Berea Gardens in March. The band then took part in the Eisteddfod, where we received a Gold Award and won the medal for the best concert band. This year, we did not have a concert during Cultural Week, but instead had one after the Eisteddfod, using all the musical items performed at the Eisteddfod. The band also played at the Open Evening and

had a very successful annual concert with Grey High School. Selborne hosted this year's concert, which saw the two school bands combine in performing two numbers. A good Founders' Week was enjoyed by all, with the band hosting two sold-out 'Sounds of Selborne' concerts in the Music Centre. The end-of-year Christmas concert was also a great evening and a wonderful way to end the year. A good

number of cultural awards were awarded to band members over the course of the year.

I would like to thank the Grade 12 members for their service to the band and wish them well in the future - Landen Botha, Dominic Stegmann and Joel Joseph. A big thank you must also be extended to Mr Blundell, Mr Nel and Mrs Brent for their ongoing assistance and support with the band.

appreciation for the natural world. The enthusiasm, maturity, and sportsmanship shown by the members throughout the year have been commendable and a true reflection of the Selborne spirit. As the year draws to a close, the Outdoor Society looks forward to continued growth in 2026, with plans to expand its activities, include more community-based conservation initiatives, and keep nurturing the next generation of outdoor enthusiasts.



OUTDOOR Society

- Front Row:** S Bouie, Mr T Warren, Mr J Rance (Captain), Mr N Erasmus (Deputy Headmaster), O Peterson, Mr J Jacobs, C Bayman
Second Row: JP Neethling, T Maré, K Peinkie, R Britz, C Heugh, N Fox-Gower, R Plekker
Third Row: C Kent, L Pretorius, J Calver, R Drake, M Rybnikar, M Rybnikar, E Van Der Berg, D Schoeman, J Mundell
Back Row: D Tarr, T Lyon, L Hansen, N Randall, D Rushmere, W Trollope, E Freitag, B Horsley, C Hartwig

OUTDOOR Society

The Outdoor Society at Selborne College has continued to thrive throughout 2025, with an impressive number of students showing enthusiasm for spending their time in nature and developing a love for the outdoors. The society has provided an excellent outlet for boys to unwind, learn practical skills, and appreciate the environment beyond the classroom.

This year, participation reached new heights as many Selbornians embraced the spirit of adventure, taking part in various outdoor

pursuits such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, and conservation activities. The society has fostered camaraderie among members, creating a space where shared passions for the outdoors have turned into lasting friendships and memorable experiences.

Many boys took the initiative to go on weekend outings, while others spent their spare time responsibly engaging in hunting and fishing, developing respect for wildlife and the environment in the process. The society also encouraged discussions around ethical and sustainable outdoor

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr J Jacobs

Staff:

Mr T Warren

practices, ensuring that every activity was approached with care and environmental awareness.

The Outdoor Society remains a cornerstone of Selborne's holistic education approach, reminding boys of the importance of balance, self-reliance, and

PHOTOGRAPHIC and VIDEO Club



PHOTOGRAPHIC and VIDEO Club

- Front Row:** Mr G Van Heerden, Q Hlambiso, Mr S Grant, E Santos, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), S Addam, Mr A Parsons
Second Row: R Ochse, L Fourie, E Dyers, A Majola, M Dyer, J van der Byl
Third Row: B Hassan, H Tom, M Mda, S Papu, O Fani, A Bomela
Back Row: F Goodwin, Q Peters, E Schutte, C Heath, C McIntyre

Teacher-in-Charge:

Mr S Grant

Chairman:

Ethan Santos

The Photographic and Video Club had an exceptionally busy and productive year, capturing the many highlights of Selborne College's vibrant 2025 calendar. We were delighted to welcome some much-needed "new blood" into the Club - enthusiastic learners who dedicated many weekends to being behind the lens.

Special thanks must go to our Chairman, Ethan Santos, for his outstanding commitment throughout the year. His

contributions, particularly to the Open Day video and other school footage, were invaluable. In April, we sadly lost a dear friend and devoted staff member, Mr Alan Parsons, who played a pivotal role in the Photographic Society. He was instrumental in live-streaming numerous events and was always ready to guide learners interested in photography and videography. His enthusiasm, generosity and presence are deeply missed.

Throughout the year, we noticed several promising new photographers, especially during derby days, and look forward to engaging more closely with them in 2026. The addition of new members allowed us to share duties effectively, from assisting with Grade 8 arrivals to live-streaming hockey fixtures in the rain. Major campus events were all documented through both photography and video media.

This year, Selborne College became a School Member of the Photographic Society

of South Africa (PSSA), offering our learners exciting opportunities to participate in competitions and be inspired by the broader photographic community. Photographs serve as a visual record of school life and celebrate the achievements of Selbornians during their time at the College. We are deeply grateful to Mrs Shani Stewart for her remarkable dedication and generous contribution of time and expertise to the Club in 2025.

Our sincere thanks also go to Mr Darren Saunders and his team at Photoquip, whose continued technical support and assistance with equipment - as well as their role in capturing our group photographs - are greatly appreciated. The preservation of these images is vital to maintaining the history of Selborne College. We look forward to even greater involvement from Selbornians in 2026 as we continue our mission of preserving the past for the future.



SOCCER Club

Teacher-in-Charge:
Ms B Kelepu

First Team Coach:
Mr M Geach

U16 Coach:
Mr M Ngcobo

Captain:
Enkosi Sikiti

Vice-Captain:
Komhle Ngwabeni



Park knocked out the Selborne College side in the semifinals and went on to win the tournament, beating Alexander Road in the final. We offer our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated and contributed towards the success of our tournament. A special thank you to our major sponsor, Eduvos

College, and to all our other tournament sponsors.

Both teams participated in the East London Schools B League. The U16 side had a dominant season, enjoying a strong goal-scoring record, including emphatic wins against Stutterheim High

The 2025 soccer season was a resounding success for Selborne College, showcasing the growth, talent and dedication of its young athletes. With both the U16 and U19 teams competing against top schools in the region, the teams not only upheld Selborne's proud sporting legacy but also elevated it through exceptional performances, discipline and sportsmanship on the field.

The First Team was knocked out by Victoria Park in the quarterfinals of the Victoria Park Tournament. We then hosted another successful edition of the annual Selborne College Soccer Tournament. Hudson



First Team SOCCER

Front Row: K Ngwabeni, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), E Sikiti (Captain), Ms B Kelepu (Manager), M Giyose

Middle Row: O Gcanga, A Melane, A van der Westhuizen, B Snyman, S Adonis, S Stamper

Back Row: B Gregory, K Soji, A Mbana, A Ndzundzu, L Mlinjana

School (5 - 2), Merrifield College (5 - 2) and Dale College (4 - 1). A solid defence was maintained, recording clean sheets against top sides like Cathcart High School (3 - 0), Dale College (4 - 0) and George Randell High School (1 - 0). Notable resilience was also shown in close matches against Centre of Excellence (4 - 2) and Stutterheim High School (2 - 2). The U16 squad showed consistency and composure, reflecting excellent coaching and strong squad depth.

The First Team enjoyed an outstanding league season, losing only one match and putting on some stellar displays. The attacking force was formidable, with highlight performances



milestones, for which they were awarded a voucher and a t-shirt. Congratulations must also be extended to Blake Snyman for officially being awarded a contract with Chippa United for the 2026 season. Special thanks must also be given to Mr Meluleki Ngcobo, our dedicated U16 coach, and to Mr Matthew Geach, our First Team coach. Their passion, commitment and outstanding leadership have been hugely appreciated. As Mr Geach prepares to leave us at the end of 2025, I acknowledge



TEAM PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW	
UNDER 16	FIRST TEAM
Matches - 18	Matches - 31
Wins - 13	Wins - 21
Draws - 2	Draws - 3
Losses - 3	Losses - 7

against George Randell High School (6 - 0), Stutterheim High School (3 - 2) and Merrifield College (4 - 3). The team showed clutch performances in tight encounters, managing key draws against Centre of Excellence (3 - 3) and Hudson Park (1 - 1), as well as comeback wins away from home. The balance between

attack and defence was evident throughout the season, as the team recorded seven clean sheets.

Heartfelt gratitude must go to Enkosi Sikiti (Captain), Komhle Ngwabeni (Vice-Captain) and Lukhanyolwethu Mlinjana, who all reached their 100-cap



the invaluable role he has played in developing our players and fostering a strong sporting culture. You will be greatly missed, Sir. Lastly, I would like to thank our chairlady, Miss Olwethu Gcanga, for her unwavering support throughout the year.

spirit and conduct shown by our players both on and off the field have reinforced our values of excellence, respect and pride. With such a strong foundation laid in 2025, the Selborne College Soccer Club is well-positioned for even more success during the 2026 season. The pipeline of talent from U16 to U19 looks promising, and the experience gained this year will no doubt fuel future success. Thank you, gentlemen.

Selborne College can be immensely proud of its soccer achievements in 2025. The results speak for themselves, but, even more importantly, the



U16 Team SOCCER

Front Row: Ms B Kelepu (Manager), S Sango (Captain), Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), A Melane, M M Ngcobo (Coach)
 Middle Row: M Bennett, L Mbeki, O Ggcanga, N du Plessis, L Sikhosana
 Back Row: W Ntoyanto, B Madaia, I Potwana





Student CHRISTIAN Association

The ultimate goal of the SCA remains to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ at Selborne College, ensuring that all Selbornians have the opportunity to hear about what Jesus has done for them and to make the choice to follow Him. To achieve this, the SCA continues to focus on developing and mentoring strong leaders, building a caring and connected community, and upholding sound, scripture-based teaching.

Under the chairmanship of Sinelizwi Dlomo, the society has benefited from authentic and passionate leadership. Sinelizwi has guided the committee with genuine care and a desire for his brothers at Selborne to grow in their faith and live lives that reflect the love of Christ. Many of the SCA's weekly routines remained similar to previous years, although meeting times were scaled down to prevent fatigue among committee members. Our partnership with Schools for Jesus (SFJ) continues to be a vital part of the society's success, providing leadership training and occasionally joining gatherings to teach or answer questions.

One of the major highlights of the year was the Worship Evening, which focused on equipping young people to make an impact in the lives of those around them. The event was deeply moving, with many students committing their lives to Jesus during the evening. Another special moment was when guest speaker Nicholas Pirie, an Old Selbornian, shared his powerful testimony of finding purpose through Christ after a difficult past. His message deeply resonated with the students and reminded everyone of God's transforming grace.

As we look back on 2025, there is a strong sense of gratitude and excitement for what God is continuing to do through the SCA at Selborne College. We look forward to seeing more Selbornians encounter Jesus Christ in the coming year and to strengthening our partnership with SFJ even further in 2026.

We extend our sincere thanks to Schools for Jesus for their ongoing support of the SCA and the wider East London community, and to the Mothers' Prayer Group for their faithful prayer and encouragement behind the scenes. Lastly, heartfelt thanks go to all the committee members



Master-in-Charge:
Mr C Breytenbach

Chairman:
Sinelizwi Dlomo

for their dedication and service, and especially to Sinelizwi for his exceptional leadership, which will continue into 2026.



Student CHRISTIAN Association

Front Row: J Kock, Mr C Breytenbach (MiC), S Dlomo, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), J Wilkie
Back Row: T Ochieng, K Ngalo, R Videler, M Mabula

Surfing CLUB

Master-in-Charge:

Mr A Miles

Staff:

Mr G. Van Heerden

This year marked the exciting revival of our school's Surfing Club. East London has always been known as a surfing hotspot, blessed with incredible beaches and world-class waves, making it the perfect setting for our club's return.

The response at the clubs and societies sign-up day exceeded all expectations, with an impressive number of learners eager to join. Although we were not able to establish an official school league this year, the



SURFING Club

Front Row: C Wiese, Mr G van Heerden, R de Coning, Mr A Dewar (Headmaster), M Owen, D Smith
 Second Row: F Victor, R Buret, T Leighton, J Crawford, D Weber, R Owen, J Smith, L Ogilvie, J Davis
 Third Row: Z Ramsamy, M Otte, B Arnold, C Dickinson, N Wiese, J Rance, M Hartwig, C Strydom
 Back Row: J Marx, C Everts, C Maree, M Russell, C Kriedeman, D Rushmere, W Trollope

enthusiasm shown bodes well for the possibility of forming one next season. Our surfers have been taking full advantage of local breaks, with Nahoon Corner quickly becoming a favourite meeting spot for regular surf sessions. We even extended an invitation to Grey High School for a friendly surf-off, but unfortunately, they were unable to field a team in time.

Surfing's resurgence is not just limited to our school, but is also gaining momentum across Buffalo City. The local Summer Series Competition saw our talented surfers, Jed Marx, Joshua Crawford and Fletcher Victor, proudly representing the Selborne College Surfing Club. Jed and Joshua went on to be selected for the Buffalo City Team, which went on to win the national title in Jeffrey's Bay. This remarkable

achievement highlights the strength of our local surfing talent. Beyond competition, many of our members surf simply for the joy of it, embracing the ocean as a source of fun, fitness and a healthy lifestyle. The renewed energy around surfing has brought our community together and reignited a shared passion for the sport. With such enthusiasm and talent in the water, the future of the Surfing Club looks bright. We look forward to building on this momentum and taking the club to new heights next season.

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Memorials and TRIBUTES

Special TRIBUTE

Mr Alan Parsons



ALAN PARSONS was a cherished Old Boy of Selborne College (Class of 1980) and a devoted staff member. He served both as the Executive Director (since 2007) and Past President of the Old Selbornian Association - roles in which he gave generously of his time, energy, and heart. His service to the Association extended far beyond our borders. He poured his

In MEMORIAM

The following Old Selbornians lost their lives over the past year. Our sincere condolences go to their families. They will forever be in our memories.

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| Brian Anderson Class of 1963 | Alan Parsons..... Class of 1980 |
| Allan Webber Class of 1959 | Ian Knipe Class of 1963 |
| Greg Milne..... Class of 1980 | Keith Colin Baisley Class of 1947 |
| Bryce Webster Class of 1979 | Josh Frchet..... Class of 2020 |
| Ray Weppelman Class of 1985 | Ian Cunard..... Class of 1966 |
| Jules Keet Class of 1956 | |

heart and soul into creating connections that spanned generations, working quietly, yet tirelessly, to ensure that the bond between the College and its Old Boys remained strong. His dedication was rooted in a deep love for the school, and this was reflected in the way he cared for each individual he encountered.

During his school years at Selborne College, Alan served as a Prefect and was an active member of both the 1st XV Rugby Team and the 1st 8 Rowing Team. He was awarded Colours for both Rugby and Rowing, was a member of the Old Guard, and contributed to the In Black and White newspaper.

Alan's role at Selborne College was never just a job - it was a calling. He coached rugby, played a key role in the Photographic Society, handled the live streaming of numerous events, and compiled and managed weekly results for media distribution - just a few of the many passions to which he gave his time and care. He was also the driving force behind events such as the Annual OSA Golf Day Fundraiser, which became a much-anticipated tradition under his leadership, as well as the Annual Spit Braai on

Founders' Weekend. Alan had a remarkable way of bringing people together - with quiet humility, a warm smile, and a deep love for the College that was evident in everything he did.

As both an Old Boy and long-serving staff member, Alan truly embodied the Selborne spirit. His kindness, integrity, and unwavering dedication shaped countless lives and strengthened the College in ways that will be felt for years to come. Whether offering mentorship, sharing stories, or simply showing up when it mattered most, Alan was a constant presence - steadfast, sincere, and deeply valued.

Though his presence will be deeply missed, the legacy of Alan's work and the community he helped to nurture will continue to resonate within Selborne College. He has left a lasting impact on the College - one that will always be remembered.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember him.

Rest peacefully, Alan. You gave your world to Selborne, and we are forever grateful

Palma Virtuti



Special TRIBUTE

Mr John Lawson Stonier



Mr JOHN LAWSON STONIER

1931 – December 2024

{ Remembering John Stonier (1932 - 2025)
Headmaster of Selborne College, 1969 - 1981 }

John Stonier, the seventh Headmaster of Selborne College and a defining figure in the school's modern history, passed away peacefully at his home in Stilbaai at the age of 93.

Young, energetic, and visionary, Stonier led Selborne College from 1969 to 1981, guiding the school through its Centenary in 1972 and laying the foundations for its reputation as one of South Africa's leading institutions. His tenure was marked by bold transformation, deep respect for heritage and a passion for developing young men of character.

A LEGACY OF MODERNISATION AND HERITAGE

John Stonier's influence on the physical campus was profound. Working closely with the Department and the School Committee Chairman, Geoff Howes, he ensured the development of modern, aesthetically cohesive buildings that honoured Selborne College's rich history. His leadership saw the renovation of the old Primary School buildings, the establishment of the library in the former hall, the construction of the 2nd World War Pavilion as a memorial, and the clearing and enhancement of the area around the 1st World War Memorial. Norton House and other additions stand today as

testaments to his vision.

But his impact extended far beyond infrastructure. Stonier broadened the educational offering of the College, strengthening academic, cultural and sporting programmes. Under his leadership, squash and hockey were introduced; the Enrichment Year (post-matric) was launched; and the Palma Virtuti Award was established to celebrate balanced achievement and service.

The spirit of the 1970's infused school life with excitement and innovation. The entire College marched to the Colosseum Cinema to watch Neil Armstrong walk on the moon and Prize Givings evolved into grand ceremonial occasions in the City Hall. When President John F. Kennedy challenged the world to walk 20 miles, Selborne College responded enthusiastically with the iconic Big Walk - a whole-school celebration of courage, unity, and tradition.

SCHOLAR, SPORTSMAN AND EDUCATOR

John Stonier matriculated from Kimberley Boys' High School, excelling in hockey and cricket. He went on to Rhodes University, earning both a BSc and a BED with distinction, while also representing the university and captaining Griqua's and Border in hockey. He sang in the Rhodes Chamber Choir, touring Europe

with the ensemble. He married Ann Green, and together they raised a family of five.

His teaching career spanned several respected schools, including Kingswood College, KES, Selborne College (1959–62), and Kimberley Boys' High School. He served as Headmaster of Clifton Park High School from 1965 to 1968 before returning to Selborne College as Headmaster in 1969. After leaving the College in 1981, he became Rector of the Cape Town Teachers' College.

John Stonier was equally committed to his own professional growth. He received

a British Council bursary to study abroad, completing an MA at Lancaster University and later earning a PhD from Stellenbosch University. Nationally, he served as President of the South African Teachers' Association and Vice-Chairman of the Federal Council of Teachers.

A LEADER WHO BUILT CHARACTER

Above all, John Stonier regarded character formation as the heart of education. He believed that boys should be “nourished” not only academically, but through the example and environment that surrounded them. He championed traditions such as the Rhodesia Room and

helped commission the stained glass window in the library. He invited Lord Selborne as Guest of Honour for the Centenary, and supported the publication of *Bearer of the Palm*, the definitive history of the College.

His leadership, ideals, and unwavering commitment to excellence left an indelible mark on Selborne College. Generations of Selbornians continue to benefit from the vision he cast and the values he upheld.

John Stonier will be remembered as a transformative Headmaster, a scholar, a sportsman, and a man deeply admired and respected by all who knew him.



Our VISION

To develop and nurture young gentlemen who make an impact on society through the pursuit of excellence.

Our MISSION

Is the holistic development of every pupil and staff member to their full potential, by providing:

- A value system, which is Christian based and respectful of other faiths.
- A well-balanced academic, life skills, sporting and cultural programme, encouraging broad involvement and in which every Selbornian can feed his passion and fulfil his purpose.
- A focus on academic excellence through continuous advancement in education as well as development of staff
- Leadership opportunities that emphasize service and promote individual growth and teamwork.
- Opportunities for boys to develop a purpose beyond themselves through Involvement in internal and external community programs.
- A high standard of discipline, manners, dress and ethics.
- Pride in our cherished school traditions.
- We strive to equip boys to become well-rounded, confident, and caring men who will lead, inspire and make an impact in the world around them.

Our VALUES [FIRE]

- F Faith** (a basis for our values)
- I Integrity** (honesty, accountability, honour and courage)
- R Respect** (the schools traditions, belongings and others by displaying compassion and empathy)
- E Enthusiasm** (commitment, happiness, passion and success)

Value PROPOSITION

- TRADITIONS** Preserve the school's history and legacy while creating a shared sense of purpose and values.
- BELONGING (Brotherhood)** Everybody feels included, belongs and feels part of something bigger than themselves. There is a strong sense of community defined by: mutual trust, friendship, pride, school spirit

Respect and Manners

- HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT** Vast opportunities where staff and boys can reach their potential. Boys leave as well rounded men who can make an impact in the world. Excellence where staff and boys are encouraged to deliver their best effort; surpassing their own standards of performance



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