



Riverside College

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Dear Parents
Making the right choice

In 1999, Alison Botha, a beautiful young woman from Port Elizabeth was brutally assaulted and left for dead along a dark road. She survived the incident and went on to become a motivational speaker that travels the world. She lives her life according to the ABC principals.

A for attitude. When you are confronted with a difficult situation then your attitude towards that situation will determine how successful you will deal with it. Alison could have given up on life on that fearful night, but she decided to fight and not give up on life. Giving up is easy but believing in a positive outcome is always the better option. Remember that it is always darkest before the dawn.

B for Believe. Believe in yourself. It is said that you will never be given a situation that you are unable to deal with. Every person has a set of skills and knowledge that will help them cope with the demands of life. It is a matter of believing in yourself. That you a good enough, wise enough, strong enough to overcome any obstacle in your life. If you think you can or if you think you can't, you are right.

C for choice. We always have a choice. Choices can be easy or really hard. Information is received, processed and then we choose how to respond to it. Alison could have chosen to be a victim, but she decided to be a victor. A situation is as good or bad as you choose it to be. We do not have control over other people's behaviour and therefore we are not responsible for their actions. We can only choose how we respond. Having a positive attitude, believing in yourself and making wise choices will help you deal with any challenge that life throws at you.

Do not fear the exams, believe that you are going to do well and choose to prepare well.
Good luck Riverside students.

Mr. Ortell

Voting 2019:

Keeping with the subject of choices and attitudes, we would like to thank each and every citizen that took part in the voting on Wednesday. Riverside College was a voting station and here we can see how busy it was throughout the day. Many people enjoyed coffee, hot-chocolate and toasted sandwiches that were served from our food truck, while they stood in the cold and rain for a turn to cast their votes. Thank you to all the IEC staff members who made sure that everything ran smoothly and that the day was a success. Riverside College is proud to be part of the democratic process and serving the community!



Winter Uniform:

As from Monday the 6th of May we will officially switch over to our winter uniform. Please ensure that your child has everything that they need as we will conduct a uniform inspection to ensure compliance.

This includes:

White long sleeve shirts with school tie

Grey long pants – for boys and girls

Jersey and blazer

Long grey socks and school tights

* No other jackets/jerseys/hoodies may be worn as part of the school uniform

Important Dates and Announcements:

Term 2	03/04 – 13/06 Learners
Portraits and Class photos	14 May
Last Day of Extra-Murals	16 May
Ascension Day	30 May – Normal working day
Art Auction & Cheese and wine	31 May – An event not to be missed!

**All of these events will take place on the school property.*

A message from our Principal – Mr. D Swart

Today marks a sad yet special day for all of us – learners and teachers - at Riverside College and the Early Learning Centre as we say farewell to our much-loved uncle Norman. A man who wore many hats throughout the years that he worked at Riverside College. He was more than just our bus driver, he was the person that you could give any job too and he took care of it. He was the one we entrusted our children to as he transported them safely from point A to B. He was the grandfather many of our children didn't have and the gentle soul that we all got to know in the staff room and on the school grounds.

After much deliberation and postponement uncle Norman has decided to retire. We would like to thank him for the time he spent with us, and also wish him many years of health, happiness and prosperity.

Enjoy that which you have spent your life working for, and may it bring you much pleasure in the years that await you. You will always be a special part of our family and you will certainly be missed!

Reminders and notes:

- Parents are reminded to refrain from coming into the school grounds through the side gate when dropping their children off. Please could you use the front gate should you have any business that needs to be attended to on the school campus.
- Our teachers parking area has become a wheel-clamping zone. Please ensure that you do not park your car in this area – even for a few minutes - as the wheel-clamping rule will be applied to all. We have asked politely that you do not park in these areas for the safety of our children and unfortunately, we will have to now enforce a stricter rule.
- Please add us on Instagram – search for riversidecollege_cpt
- If you haven't already, check out our Facebook and give it a like – search for –'Riverside College' and stay up to date with all activities.

School Schedule:

Monday	13 May	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	14 May	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15

Wednesday	15 May	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	16 May	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	17 May	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

Please remember that as from Monday the 20th we will be writing exams and school will end for all high school learners at 13:30. Please make sure that you arrange your transport accordingly. Children cannot afford to be left at school for hours while they wait to be collected as this will have a negative impact on their preparation time for the examinations.

Rules and regulations:

Please be reminded that your child must attend school every day – regardless if they are writing an exam or not. Do not make any appointments during the exams as your child will not be given another opportunity to take the exam. If your child is sick – and misses an exam - he/she will need a doctor's letter for that session or they will get zero for the exam missed.

A candidate's examination/test results may be declared null and void if:

- The candidate takes into the exam room a cellular phone, a smart watch, a programmable calculator, notes or stationery other than that which is needed for the current examination.
- The candidate helps or tries to help another candidate, or gets help from any other person, or in any way tries to communicate with another candidate.
- The candidate behaves in an unruly, threatening, aggressive or intimidating manner towards an invigilator or fellow candidate, disrupts the examination or disobeys an instruction from the invigilator.

General rules for candidates

- Candidates may not make any personal, improper or otherwise irrelevant remarks on their answer sheets.
- Candidates are not allowed to talk to anyone other than the invigilator, this must be done in a whisper and only after they have raised their hands – no shouting out is allowed.
- The meaning or interpretation of a question may not be discussed with any candidate.
- Candidates may not leave the examination venue to visit the toilet, or for any other reason.
- Candidates who arrive more than 1 hour late for an exam will not be allowed to write the exam
- Candidates who arrive up to 1 hour late will be allowed to write, but no extra time will be allowed.
- Candidates caught with any notes or unauthorized materials will have their papers removed and the relevant disciplinary action will be instituted against them.
- Candidates are to ensure that they have all the necessary stationery as they will not be allowed to borrow from other candidates.
- Candidates must write in normal black or blue ink – examination papers written in pencil will not be marked.

Have a good weekend.

High School Staff
Riverside College