



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Michelle's Obama's advice to students is to build character and be persistent every day of their lives and never give up. Regarding this point, she assures "if you are willing to go deeper, if you are willing to get up when you fall, if you are willing to work and dedicate yourself until your weakness turns into strength, then you will develop a set of skills that you can mould and apply to whatever situation you find," insists the former first lady of the United States.

The iconic figure shares one of her secrets: She has never hired anyone for an outstanding career path, but for their human quality, which includes hard work, being trustworthy and being open to new points of view.

All of these values are learned from parents and the communities in which we grew up. For Michelle, what the world needs is resilience.

Her best advice for students is this: "You must understand that your experience and overcoming adversity is actually one of your greatest assets."

Don't be afraid to fail, because it is the only way you can learn to be successful in life. Success isn't about how your life looks to others; it's about how it feels to you. Being successful isn't about being impressive, it's about being inspired. And that's what it means to be your true self. It means looking inside yourself and being honest about what you truly enjoy doing because success is only meaningful if it feels like your own.

Ms. Jonker

Important dates

Term 1 – 1 February – 30 March (Teachers 31/03)

Term 2 – 12 April – 15 June (Teachers 18/06)

Term 3 – 20 July – 22 September (Teachers 23/09)

Term 4 – 12 October – 08 December (Teachers 15/12)

Test Series 15 March – 26 March

PE requirements for term 1

During lockdown no physical activities were allowed at school. This term our children need to be assessed for their report mark for LO. Ms. Lotz will notify the learners when they need to have their sport clothes at school so that they can do the assessment activities. In upholding our Covid 19 safety protocol, they will not take part in any group activities during these assessments. They will be given individual physical tasks to perform and be assessed accordingly. Please remember that PE is a compulsory component of Life Orientation from grade 7 – 12 and your child can only be excused if they produce a valid Dr's note for a medical condition that they currently have. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Covid 19 Safety Policy

Please remind your child that they need to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth and that they must regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. If we are going to keep our children, teachers and parents safe then we all need to comply with the safety protocols.

Masks are not an excuse to have facial hair, so please note that your son still needs to be clean shaven at all times.

Lockers

Lockers are available for High School learners. The price for a locker is R300 for the year. Please hand money in to the register teacher.

Honorable Mentions

Meloney Bradford, a grade 6 learner at Riverside college competed as part of Team SA in the Talent America online competition during December 2020. She also received her Federation National Colours. She got 2nd place in the 9-11 age group for Ballet. Her two contemporary dances placed her in 6th and 1st making her the Talent America 9-11 LMC Champion 2021. Meloney also entered the modelling print division and won the overall 9-11 Female Print special award. She was signed by two international talent agency scouts who she will be working with in 2021.



The most exciting news is that Meloney has been cast in a local TV production called Danslyn, which will be aired later this year. Well done Meloney! You made us proud once again.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

After everything we experienced last year, I had the privilege of notifying our staff, management and our learners that we achieved **100% matric pass rate for 2020!!**

What a beautiful gift it was to give after all the stress, the uncertainty and the doubt that everyone was plagued by regarding the academic school year. To see the surprise and shock on the faces of all our learners when they realized that they had passed was priceless. Thank you for all the hard work that our teachers put into the year, the support from both parents and teachers and then each of our matriculants who just pushed through and succeeded...well done on a great job!! You have set the new standard at Riverside College and you have every reason to be proud of what you achieved under the most difficult circumstances, and then to top it off we achieved 7 out of 8 Bachelors passes, with distinctions in Life Science.

Congratulations class of 2020, we are extremely proud of you!!

School Schedule:

Monday	01 Mar	Day 1	07:55 – 14:30
Tuesday	02 Mar	Day 2	07:55 – 14:30
Wednesday	03 Mar	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	04 Mar	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	05 Mar	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

Keep safe
High School Staff