



# Riverside College

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**Dear Parents,**

It was one of the coldest winters and many animals were dying because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together to keep each other warm. This was a great way to protect themselves from cold and keep each of them warm; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions.

After a while, they decided to distance themselves, but they too began to die due to cold. So, they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or choose death. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. They learned to live with the little wounds caused by the close relationship with their companions to receive the warmth of their togetherness. This way they were able to survive.

Like the porcupines we need to deal with each other's quills so that we do not die alone in the cold but can instead enjoy the warm companionship of everyone in our lives.

**Mr. C. Marais**

## **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)

## **Textbooks**

It is imperative that your child has all the textbooks and workbooks that they need! Equally important is that your child take responsibility for those books by putting their names in them. Our teachers cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen books. We will be performing book inspection on Monday and notifying parents of all books that are still needed.

## **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.

## **School Uniforms**

***We will be back to school in full school uniforms as from Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February.***

## **Message from our principal Mr. D Swart**

Our learners will be returning to their classes on Monday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February - even though we have already been attending our virtual classes and working through our curriculum for 2021 - it is going to be a pleasure to see them all again, hear their voices and more importantly see their eyes and their smiles!

You might think I am saying this lightly, but the look in a person's eyes (the window to your soul) speak volumes about what is going on within, and when you see a smile after asking a child how they are it is a true indication of how they are doing! The lack of a smile or a dull look in their eyes tells a very different story, and one that makes me look twice at a child.

The pandemic along with all the other restrictions that have been imposed on us over the past few months has led to many people suffering in silence about the things that are causing them stress, anxiety or discomfort. We do not want our children to be burdened and therefore we undertake to create an environment in which they feel safe and comfortable enough to come and express themselves and get rid of the things that cause them anxiety. Please let me know if you have any concerns about your child and let's work together on creating health and wellbeing for all!

**School Schedule:**

Monday	15 Feb	Day 1	07:55 – 14:30
Tuesday	16 Feb	Day 2	07:55 – 14:30
Wednesday	17 Feb	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	18 Feb	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	19 Feb	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

Keep safe  
High School Staff