



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

Who you want to be is more important than what you want to be.

If you want life to change then you have to change. If you want life to be better then you have to be better. Most of us live a life of holding back. We are afraid to take the risk. We would rather be quiet than to ask the teacher to explain something that we do not understand. Did we do all we can do today? Did you use your time efficiently when studying for the test? Do you want to be the person that lives with regrets, or do you want to be the person that one day will say that you have lived your life to the fullest?

Many people focus on what they want to be one day. They want to be a doctor, a teacher, an engineer etc. They might be successful in their choice of career, but are they really happy doing what they do?

Knowing who you want to be is a personal journey. The answer is different for each one of us. Knowing the answer however paves the way towards finding a balance between happiness and success.

If you do what is easy, then life will be hard. If you do what is hard then life will be easy. Success does not come easy. It requires sacrifice and dedication. It is easy to say that tomorrow is another day. It is easy to go out with your friends instead of studying for a test. Then the results come, and your life becomes harder.

In conclusion,

Find your inner happiness, live life to the fullest and be the best person you can possibly be. You are blessed with one life. Make the most out of it.

Mr. Ortell

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.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

There are times that I sit on social media sites and just flick through everything that is there, no particular reason really, other than just taking my mind off the day at work or looking to see what has happened in the world around me. There are some funnies and some motivational stories now and then but, on the whole, it is fairly boring and really just mind numbing. You know exactly what I am talking about, but then, once in a while something catches your eye and makes you scroll back to it.

This is a quote I saw that made me go back, and as insignificant as it seems at first it is actually a very powerful statement about life in general and about what we are teaching our children about life and about success.

Those with empty cups attract other empty cups and expect to fill each other up.

While those with their cups full attract other full cups to cheers life with. Stacie Martin

Stop wasting your time, your talents and your efforts with people who are going nowhere because they are too busy complaining about everyone else and about how unfair life is and about what victims they are to the circumstances in their lives. We are here to experience this life in all forms and to celebrate all the experiences that we have, but celebrations don't happen with empty cups! Empty cups also make the most noise, so stop for a moment and look to see if you are making a noise or if you are celebrating because your children are always watching and learning from you! Are you teaching them how to be envious and jealous of everyone around them, or are you teaching them how to celebrate and live a happy and fulfilled life? If this pandemic has taught us anything, it should be that life is too short to waste, so use the time to celebrate as much as you can and to enjoy all that life has to offer you.

School Schedule:

Monday	08 Mar	Day 6	07:55 – 14:30
Tuesday	09 Mar	Day 7	07:55 – 14:30
Wednesday	10 Mar	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	11 Mar	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	12 Mar	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Have a wonderful weekend and keep safe!
High School Staff