



# Riverside College

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## **Dear Parents,**

It doesn't matter if you are a learner, an educator, a parent, an adolescent, or a community member. Everyone has a role in the prevention of school bullying, and most people have directly or indirectly participated in, witnessed, or experienced some form of bullying in schools.

There are several types of bullying to know about, and different ways that educators, schools, and parents can help stop bullying at school.

Bullying must meet certain requirements to be considered bullying. These are: malintent, imbalance of power, distress, and provocation. School bullying may occur either in schools, on campus, or outside of school, but it is due to relationships created in school settings.

Those who have experienced bullying can have low self-esteem which can lead to depression. Some victims of bullying have physical and/or emotional distress as a result of school bullying. Adolescents who were bullied are more likely to develop depression in adulthood.

It is hard on a parent to find out their child is being bullied but know that you can do something about it. Children should know from an early age what effect their behaviour has on others. They should be taught to see others' perspectives to help them understand other people emotionally. Bullying in schools is a tough issue to tackle, but if schools, parents, and learners all commit to stopping and preventing bullying, it can be stopped.

**Ms. Jonker**

## **Important dates**

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)

## **June Exam Dates**

Gr 7 – 12     31 May to 14 June

## **Book Reports**

Please ensure that your child is in the process of reading at least one book per term – they will be required to complete a book report during class time towards the end of the term for English. Please ensure that the book chosen is suitable and that your child is interested in what he/she is reading as this will result in them being immersed in their book and a much more enjoyable experience. The benefits of reading are endless!

## **Covid 19 Safety Policy**

Your child needs to have a mask on at all times that covers their nose and mouth. Each individual also needs to regularly wash their hands and sanitize. They are not allowed to physically touch, kiss, hug, or share food with one another. Our safety protocols are there to keep everyone safe and we need everyone to play their part!

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

## **Winter Uniforms**

Our winter uniforms consist of the following:

### **Boys:**

Grey long pants  
Long grey socks  
White school shirt with collar  
School tie  
School Jersey  
School Blazer

### **Girls:**

Skirt **or** Grey school pants  
Long grey socks/tights (Beach Bronze)  
White school shirt with collar  
School tie  
School Jersey  
School Blazer

Please note that the children can wear either winter or summer uniform but not a mixture of both.

## **School Blazers**

The prices for the school blazers will be communicated to parents shortly and once all learners have their blazers it will become a compulsory part of our uniform. Please watch the newsletter for further communications regarding the availability of the blazers.

## **Disciplinary Matters**

Please note that our Code of Conduct is available on our website for your perusal.  
<https://riversidecollege.co.za/high-school/>

We will also have a printed copy put up for learners to refer to should they need to do so until we receive our booklets from the printers. If there are any questions regarding this, please contact Mr L. Ortell who is the head of discipline @ [l.ortell@riversidecollege.co.za](mailto:l.ortell@riversidecollege.co.za)

## **Homework Policy:**

It is expected by the College and its Educators that any homework sent home for a learner to complete must be completed as instructed and be presented to the relevant Educator on the day the learner is instructed to do so.

**A Learner will receive immediate detention for any of the following homework related issues:**

- Homework forgotten at home
- Lost worksheet or instruction sheet
- Did not write down the homework (an attempt must be made to show that a learner does not understand the work)
- The learner cannot find his workbook anywhere (if learner's workbook is lost then homework can be done in another book or on a sheet of paper)

**2 Homework Detentions will result in a learner being on Homework report to be signed by parent** (A Learner that is still not doing homework after being on Homework report will receive a notification of a 15-point transgression and will face a disciplinary hearing)

**3 Homework Detentions = Disciplinary Hearing**

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

I would like to share a story this week that I hope will help to remind our learners that they are attending school, not for the benefit of their parents or their teachers, but for themselves. The success they will achieve and enjoy one day is really 'a do-it-yourself job'. They are not doing us any favours by studying and receiving good results but rather working towards the future they would like to create for themselves.

The story goes...there was a carpenter who spent his whole life building the most beautiful houses for other people and when he decided that it was time to retire and spend some time with his wife and children his employer asked him to please build one last house for him.

Even though the carpenter agreed to do a last house for his boss his heart was no longer in it and he did a really shoddy job using inferior materials thinking that whoever the new owner was would never know the difference.

When the house was done the employer came to inspect the house and on leaving handed the old carpenter the keys. "This is your house...my gift to you." The carpenter was so shocked! If only he had known, he would have done a much better job and would have built his dream home!

But once completed, you cannot go back. You are the carpenter and every day you are busy building your "dream house" – that future that you so badly want.

"Life is a do-it-yourself project." Your attitudes and your choices will determine what type of house you live in tomorrow... Build wisely!

**School Schedule:**

Monday	10 May	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	11 May	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	12 May	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	13 May	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	14 May	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

*Happy Mother's Day to all our moms...we wish you a day of spoils and pleasure and wish to thank you for all that you do for us!*

High School Staff