



# Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

## Founder's Message:

Riverside College learners and staff were celebrating Founder's Day all week this past week.

It started off with an endearing primary school adaptation of the movie 'Khumba' by an all-star primary school cast and I am sure many parents were a little emotional seeing their little ones showing their best on stage, as it should be. These school activities extend our learners into areas they wouldn't normally venture into, and they are the essence of what school memories are made off.

Next, we celebrated our learner's academic achievements. We are all very proud of what our learners have achieved regardless of the 'Covid-19 cloud' that is still lingering above us all.

And last but probably the most exciting, the school carnival! Big excitement to end off a big week. A week in which Riverside College turned 17!

Covid-19 had been tough on everyone, including the school and its community. It was with this in mind that we planned a week of celebration. Something to remind us all of what life was like before Covid hit. It felt good to be able to watch a production and celebrate the learner's achievements in person again. We 've missed it.

We have also missed our school community. During the last three years we have all been forced to have limited interaction. This has taken its toll and has had a huge cost, but we have now picked ourselves up and we are looking ahead, making great plans for the future of Riverside College.

Myself and school management have started the process of planning the school expansion. The immediate plan is to install an Astro turf to be utilized by learners for various sport disciplines and we are currently having discussions with the Burgundy Estate HOA on where would be best to install this. A music department is being introduced from 2023 for those learners who are interested in taking music as an extra-curricular activity and more info will be shared on this by the school principal, Mrs. Ellis, in due course.

The planning committee is also currently having discussions on the future expansion of the building that includes the lecture hall and laboratories. It is the goal to have these completed by 2024.

We are all very relieved that life is slowly returning to normal, but we are also mindful that we have a lot of work ahead of us. Building a school is not just about the bricks and mortar. It is also about the school community and school activities. Both of which have suffered greatly. The staff and I are hard at work to restore these for the benefit of the learners. School is the place where children get to know themselves. They meet themselves on a very deep level and they come to know their weaknesses and strengths.

Over the last year Riverside College has introduced a number of programs that assist learners on emotional and non-academic levels and already these programs are proving to be very valuable. Parents are using the results of these programs to better assist their children academically and to guide

the older learners on their future study options. Furthermore, we have been informed that the WCED will also be using a similar program for grades 9's in government schools from 2023. We are proud to know that once again Riverside College is ahead of the curve. We are in-tune with the learners and the effects that forced lockdown / isolation had on their well-being. Going forward we will continue to provide support to anyone in need, including parents.

If nothing else, this past week reminded me what life was like pre-covid and why I chose to design a school like Riverside College. I am proud to be the founding member of Riverside College and I look forward to an exciting future in which we will grow from strength to strength, and a future that will see our learners achieve great heights in their further studies and chosen careers. It is an absolute delight to meet old learners who are now young professionals and to hear how much they appreciated the love, care and guidance that they received at Riverside.

This is our legacy, and we are proud to say that we will continue building on it for many years to come. Thank you for your support and we look forward a bright and beautiful future together.

- Elana Edwards

### **Prefects 2023:**

Congratulations to the elected prefects of 2023!

Tristan Traut – Headprefect

Ayavuya Nqanqali – Headprefect

Buyile Mkhwanazi

Nakita Clarke

Elizabeth Versfeld

Sinembasa Gaji

Daniel Meadway

### **STATIONARY FOR TERM 4:**

We are preparing for various upcoming assessments in term 4. We require the learners to hand in their emergency stationary pack. To be included in the pack will be the following:

- A4 exam pad for notes
- 1 ream of paper (500)
- Pencil
- Black or blue Pen
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Highlighters
- Glue

Please ensure that the items other than the paper are clearly marked.

### **SAFETY:**

Please ensure that when you drop your child off in the morning that they do enter the premises. We cannot be responsible for learners who walk around in the mornings or afternoons outside of the school.

### **UNIFORM SALES / CLOTHING BANK:**

As parents are aware, uniform sales are done from the school office and it is not the best arrangement. It is for this reason that we are setting up a clothing bank where parents can buy uniform at dedicated times in a space separate from the office.

***Please note that the new times to purchase uniform are as follows:***

**Mondays: 7:15am – 8am & 2pm – 4pm**

**Tuesday: 2pm – 4pm only**

**Wednesdays: 2pm – 4pm only**  
**(NO uniform sales on Thursdays or Fridays)**

### **Christmas Charity - 2022**

This year Riverside College will be doing its shoebox drive for Bright Lights Pofadder Youth Centre (previously known as an orphanage) through the Chrysalis Foundation. Bright Lights is home to 26 girls & 41 boys ranging from Grade 1 to Grade 12. These children are in need of stationery, personal hygiene products and clothes. If you want to make a difference this Christmas, then please consider adopting this cause. We will be delivering the Christmas shoeboxes in time for their annual Christmas party to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Nov.

#### **Ages of children**

##### **at Bright lights:**

11yr	5B
12yr	9B/2G
13yr	5B/6G
14yr	5B/5G
15yr	5B/2G
16yr	2B/3G
17yr	1B/2G
18yr	1B/2G
19yr	1B/1G
19yr	1B/1G

### **Important Dates:**

31 October 2022 – Grade 9 Subject choice meeting 18:00

### **Message from the Principal Carlien Ellis:**

First, I would like to congratulate all the learners on their excellent achievements during the Prize Giving event; it was a prestigious event filled with pride and joy.

It was such a privilege to be part of this event once again. We had a week filled with so much excitement and fun! Riverside College presented Khumba! What a spectacular concert indeed! Thank you to every learner who made this possible.

I want to thank the parents who have supported all our functions. Without your ongoing support, it would not have been possible.

In life, we are like a pencil: it does not have a purpose without anyone holding it. The pencil needs someone to hold it and guide each stroke. We must never forget that the Lord will guide us according to His will, just as our hands hold and guide our pencils to create great work! In case of mistakes, the pencil uses its eraser.

Similarly, we are not perfect and we do make mistakes! We can use our own eraser to rub out any mistakes and move on from them. The eraser in our lives is what we call, forgiveness. Learn to forgive yourself and those around you. Nobody is perfect; you have to process your mistakes, learn from them and then move on. This is the most powerful eraser that God gave us. Learn to use your eraser every day!

Like a pencil, our lives have to go through painful sharpening. It can become difficult to fulfil your purpose if you don't go through some pain. So we will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, and we must learn to bear certain pains and sorrows and, from them, learn empathy and compassion for both ourselves and others.

Choose your pencil; choose how you want to write your story....

Please come and enjoy the market and carnival with us! There will be 80 vendors and many exciting rides for the kids to enjoy! We are very excited!

Have a blessed weekend.

### **School Schedule:**

Monday	Day 1	07:55 – 15:15
Tuesday	Day 2	07:55 – 15:15
Wednesday	Day 3	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	Day 4	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	Day 5	07:55 – 14:00

Have a good weekend.  
High School Staff!



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