



# Riverside College

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Dear parents,

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With exams now in full swing and learners now committed to achieving their best it is important to know the role that you play in their success. For learners to get the most out of their study sessions they will require a stable environment where they can focus on their work and its content and you as the parent can help provide that to them, but how can you do that?

There are many aspects that form part of a good learning environment such as:

- Opening windows and allowing for good air circulation.
- Providing them with good, nutritious meals to fuel their body and mind.
- Ensuring that there are minimal distractions in and around your child's studying location.
- Have good lighting.
- Make use of comfortable furniture.
- Ensure that the environment is clean and organized.

At the end of the day parents want what is best for their child and these few minor changes could give your child the extra edge that they may require during the following exam period while also helping to promote healthy study methods which will be used during future exam sessions.

- Mr. A. Edwards



## **EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT:**

*Riverside College is excited to announce that we will be launching an e-sports league in 2023. E-sports is a lucrative and competitive industry with teams competing across the globe, filling stadiums with their annual tournaments.*

*To participate learners will need parental consent and any learner from grade 7 to grade 11 may join the league.*

*Please call the office for more info or refer to the pamphlet that was handed out to learners on Thursday.*

## **Important Dates**

22 Nov	<b><i>All BRIGHT LIGHTS donations &amp; shoeboxes to be handed in</i></b>
07 Dec	School closes for Term 4
12 Dec	Reports will be handed out
12-15 Dec	Gift fair at Riverside College

## **Exams:**

Please do not make any appointments during the exams. We cannot move or change any time slots for the exams. Also, **ALL learners are expected to be at school EVERY DAY**. Learners **may not** take time off from school as a "study day" or think that they may just stay home. Learners will be marked absent which may influence progression when we submit the portfolios to the education department on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **School fees for 2023**

The 2023 invoices will be going out later this month and parents will notice that even though general costs have gone up exponentially since Covid-19, Riverside College have kept fee increases to below 10%. Operating costs have increased by 22% year on year when compared to 2021 and 2020 budgets and although it does not make financial sense to keep the fee increase to below 10% we are mindful of the fact that everyone is suffering and feeling the pinch of the increased interest rates and other costs. Our strategy to combat any financial shortfall is to increase our learner base for 2023 and in so doing ensure that the future of Riverside College is a financially sound one.

Any parent who is struggling financially is invited to contact the accounts department for financial assistance.

### **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)***

### **2023 Term Dates:**

#### **Term 1**

**Start Date:** Teachers – 11 Jan, Learners – 12 Jan

20 March school holiday (long weekend)

Learners writing until 27 March

**End Date:** Teachers – 31 March, Learners – 29 March

#### **Term 2**

**Start Date:** Teachers – 11 April, Learners – 12 April

26,28 April school mid term

**End Date:** Teachers – 23 June, Learners – 21 June

#### **Term 3:**

**Start Date:** Teachers – 18 July, Learners – 19 July

10, 11 Aug mid term

**End Date:** Teachers – 29 September, Learners - 28 September

#### **Term 4:**

**Start Date:** Teachers – 10 October, Learners – 11 October

**End Date:** Teachers- 15 December, Learners- 13 December

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

We are in the midst of the final exams, and everything is going well. I know that the learners will reap the rewards of their hard work. So, keep going and do the best you can; the finish line is in sight!

Something that came to my attention this last week is the overwhelming feeling some learners experience when thinking about their parents' finances. I firmly believe in teaching your children about money and being financially responsible because, as the old adage goes, "Money does not grow on trees." No kids like to see their parents fight about money or anything else. However, when kids are repeatedly exposed to hearing their parents argue about money, it can cause unnecessary stress and anxiety. It also provides a negative model regarding how to talk about money. How we think about money in adulthood is primarily connected to how our parents talked about and dealt with money when we were kids. Just as you subconsciously transition into adulthood with your parents' habits - buying the same pasta or laundry detergent used in your childhood home - you also tend to adopt many of their perspectives on money — for better or worse.

Now, in your role as a parent, if you feel like you haven't been a great role model when it comes to how you use (or abuse) your money, don't panic. You don't need to have a perfect financial track record to raise money-conscious children. However, there are a few money mistakes that you want to avoid making in front of your kids if you can help it.

Fighting about money, sharing all the dirty details, spouting negative money mantras and keeping up with the Jones' are things that parents need to try to avoid.

As we know, you can be wealthy in ways that have nothing to do with money. Show your children that money is supplementary to happiness and is not the source of happiness. Afterall, money can't buy love...

On that note, parents, I know you are doing the best you can for your children! Keep showering them in love and support and we will soon see them step into their full potential!

### **School Schedule:**

Monday	Exam	07:55 – 13:30
Tuesday	Exam	07:55 – 13:30
Wednesday	Exam	07:55 – 13:30
Thursday	Exam	07:55 – 13:30
Friday	Exam	07:55 – 13:30

Have a good weekend.  
High School Staff!

