



Riverside College

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Dear parents,

2 December 2022

A few words of wisdom:

- Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers you cannot be successful or happy. -N. V. Peale
- Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. -H. Keller
- With the new day comes new strength and new thoughts. -E. Roosevelt
- Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how to react to it. -Charles Swindol
- It always seems impossible until it's done. -Nelson Mandela
- It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop. -Confucius
- Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. – T.A. Edison
- If you're going through hell, keep going. -W. Churchill
- When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favour. – Elon Musk

J. Swart



E-Sports Launch in 2023:

Riverside College is 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 previously.

Important Dates

06Dec	School closes for Term 4 at 12:00
12 Dec	Reports will be handed out between 08:00-12:00
12-15 Dec	Gift fair at Riverside College from 16:00-20:00
12 January	School reopen for learners

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)

Booksale:

The book sale will take place on 6th December between 10:00-12:00 under the tuck shop tent. Parents are responsible for the selling of their own textbooks.

Reports:

Reports will only be available on 12th of December 2022 between 08:00-12:00. The office will remain open until the 19th of December until 17:00 for collection.

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:

The academic year of 2022 has come to an end! We have finally crossed the finish line and with full and grateful hearts.

Firstly, thank you to the staff for their hard work and dedication to making 2022 a memorable year. Your commitment, hard work and perseverance throughout all circumstances are much appreciated. I am grateful and blessed to tackle 2023 with such a strong team of passionate educators by my side. You all deserve a wonderful holiday with your family.

To our parents, a huge thank you for your commitment to our school. Thank you for honouring your payments and expressing unrelenting loyalty towards Riverside and your children.

To all learners of Riverside College, I am very proud of you all. Thank you for always giving your best and making the most of the 2022 academic year. You are privileged to grow and learn in such a lovely,

caring and healthy environment but your gratitude shines through in your perseverance. The friendships you have built and the memories you have made this year will last a lifetime. You are all so loved, you are unique, and we appreciate each and every one of you.

Thank you to every member of the Riverside family. We had an extraordinary year filled with many stories of our triumphs and our challenges. When days were tough, we continued to push through, we succeeded and we became stronger as a team and as individuals. We are privileged to be part of such a great community where support is offered, and we can be present in the moment because every moment matters!

My wish for you is a blessed festive season. Be safe, be present and enjoy this much-needed time with family and friends. For those who may find this time of year difficult, fill your days with things or people that make you smile and take it one day at a time!

2023 is going to be a bumper of a year. We got so much planned already. We will start the new year rested and ready to make this another magnificent, successful school year.

School Schedule:

Monday	7:55 – 13:30
Tuesday	7:55 – 12:00

Have a good weekend.
High School Staff!

