



Riverside College

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Dear Parents,

A man found the cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it could go no further.

So, the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily. But it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that, at any moment, the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time. Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It was never was able to fly. What the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were Life's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.

Sometimes struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. Remember nature needs no help, no interference. There are processes in life, things we all go through. The struggles are a part of our journey and are preparing us for what awaits. They are preparing us to fly - unknown

Mrs. Ellis

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)

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.

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION ABOUT OUR SCHOOL CELLPHONE POLICY:

In our school's Code of Conduct as well as in previous weekly communication we have informed parents and learners alike that our school has a NO CELLPHONE POLICY. Cell phones are no longer just phones and there are numerous reasons why phones are not allowed at school, some of these reasons are:

- 1) The accessibility of *inappropriate* material via mobile networks.
- 2) The accessibility to "open" networks surrounding the school.
- 3) The distributions of *inappropriate* material amongst learners whilst at school.
- 4) The accessibility to *illegal* material (i.e.: pornographic images / cartoons) via mobile networks.
- 5) The recording of inappropriate actions or images amongst learners during break time and the distribution of such material.
- 6) Cell phones are not allowed to be taken into a test or examination room.
- 7) Learners have been caught on their social profiles in class whilst lessons are being taught.
- 8) Cell phones are valuable items and have been stolen from learner's bags and even the office in the past.

Due to the numerous problems caused by cell phones during the school day a decision was taken years ago to not permit cell phones on the school premises. This rule was introduced into our Code of Conduct as far back as 2010 and should you no longer be in possession of a printed copy of our Code of Conduct you can download a copy from our website www.riversidecollege.co.za. This web version was uploaded in February 2012 and is still current.

Unfortunately, we do not allow learners to leave their phones in the office as the school office is not a secure environment, meaning it is easily accessible to any member of the public and we cannot and will not be held responsible for the disappearance of any valuable item from the school premises. Please see point number 12 of the Terms and Conditions contained on the enrolment application form.

We have also found learners to be bringing their cell phones to school and hide it on their person or in their bags and then to use it during break. This is a LEVEL 2 offence (Defiance) and when the learner is caught on his or her phone, as has happened during lessons in the past it will result in:

- 1) The phone being confiscated for the remainder of the term.
- 2) Principal's detention which is on a Saturday.
- 3) A warning letter for defiance to go on the learner's personal file.

Although we recognise the importance of connectivity, we are still an educational facility that only has a few hours a day to impart knowledge to our learners and we cannot be expected to spend this precious time battling with learners who are continually distracted by their phones.

The NO CELLPHONE policy will be strictly enforced as of Monday 22nd of February 2021 and we urge parents to make sure that their children leave their phones at home where they belong. Any child who needs to get hold of a parent in the case of an emergency can do so via the office and visa-versa.

PLEASE NOTE: This policy also covers iPad, smart watches and other electronic devices.

Your co-operation and understanding in this regard is appreciated.

This is a point discussed in every parent interview, and you as the parent agree wholeheartedly, so please make sure that your child is not found guilty, as they will have their phones confiscated and receive the appropriate punishment!

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Special Announcement

On Wednesday the 17th of February in a special assembly, we announced and introduced our Prefect Body for 2021 and it gives us great pleasure to introduce these learners to you.

Daniel Africa – Head Prefect

Sadie Chen

Matthew Versveld

Emily Hart

Nakita Clarke

Tristan Traut

Today we placed on them, and they accepted, the huge responsibility that goes with being a leader. They were chosen by their peers as the leaders for the year that lies ahead, not because they are popular, forceful and aggressive but because they are humble, gentle and caring. They set an example that others can use as a measure in their own lives and also when helping others. This is not a position of power, but rather a position that allows us to serve those around us. Please join me in welcoming them to their new positions and wishing them well in their new endeavors.

Teachers Email Addresses

Subject	Teacher	Email Address
Life Orientation (Gr 10-11)	Mr Swart	daveswart@riversidecollege.co.za
Afrikaans (Gr 7-12)	Mrs Craig	k.craig@riversidecollege.co.za
Maths (Gr 7-9)	Mrs Rezandt	k.rezandt@riversidecollege.co.za
Maths Lit (Gr 10-12)		
English (Gr 7-12)	Ms Jonker	s.jonker@riversidecollege.co.za
EMS (Gr 7-9)	Ms Struck	b.struck@riversidecollege.co.za
Technology (Gr 7-9)		
CAT (Gr 10-12)		
Maths (Gr 10-12)	Mr Marais	c.marais@riversidecollege.co.za
Physical Science (Gr 10-12)		
Geography (Gr 10-12)	Mr Ortell	l.ortell@riversidecollege.co.za
History (Gr 10-12)		
Social Science (Gr 7-9)	Mrs Ellis	c.ellis@riversidecollege.co.za
Design (Gr 10-12)		
Creative Arts (Gr 7-9)	Mr Lotz	y.lotz@riversidecollege.co.za
Life Orientation (Gr 7-9)		
Life Orientation (Gr 12)		
Visual Arts (Gr 10-12)		
Business Studies (Gr 10-12)	Mr Greyling	r.greyling@riversidecollege.co.za
Accounting (Gr 10-12)		
Natural Science (Gr 7-9)	Mr Van Zyl	n.vanzyl@riversidecollege.co.za
Life Sciences (Gr 10-12)		

School Schedule:

Monday	22 Feb	Day 6	07:55 – 14:30
Tuesday	23 Feb	Day 7	07:55 – 14:30
Wednesday	24 Feb	Day 8	07:55 – 15:15
Thursday	25 Feb	Day 9	07:55 – 15:15
Friday	26 Feb	Day 10	07:55 – 14:00

Keep safe

High School Staff