



Riverside College

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Dear Parents, The Obstacle in Our Path

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it.

Many people loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been.

The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The moral of the story is that every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances, and whilst the lazy complain, the others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.

Mr. Marais

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)

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.

Exam Timetables

The timetables for the June exams were handed out to all learners on Wednesday the 28th of April. Please make sure that your child has a quiet place to sit and study and that they get enough rest and nutrition to support them through this time. It is imperative that they start preparing early and avoid the last-minute rush and cramming which causes undue stress and anxiety. If they need assistance, please let me know so that we can help them achieve their full potential.

Our extra lessons will continue to take place throughout the term.

Winter Uniforms

As from Monday the 3rd of May we will switch over into our winter uniforms.

Boys:

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

Girls:

Skirt **or** Grey school pants
Long grey socks/tights
White school shirt with collar
School tie
School Jersey
School Jacket

School blazers

We will be doing fittings for our High School learners on Tuesday the 4th of May.

Once we have sized our learners these blazers will be available directly from our school. Prices will be communicated to you shortly.

Uniform Inspections

Hair Policy

Please note that the following pertains to all learners with regards to our hair policy.

1. No obvious colouring of hair, highlights, low-lights or wearing of exotic hairstyles (Mohawk style, shaved heads, Mullet, coloured braids, coloured beads, etc.) will be allowed.
2. Girls and boys may grow their hair in a long style but in so doing they must ensure that their hair is neat and tidy at all times, no strands of hair to be hanging loose or alongside the face – all long hair to be tied or clipped into place. Only Burgundy/black/white hair accessories may be used (elastics, alicebands, stretch hairbands & hairpins) for all and any type of hair.
3. Braids and extensions are allowed as long as they are the same colour as your natural hair colour, can be tied into a pony and have no coloured beads, strips.

Message from our principal Mr. D Swart

Please can we just go back to teaching our children about the basics, such as respect – respect for themselves and for others. It is one thing to give your child all the freedom at home to share his/her opinion, to bring them up thinking that they are the most important person in your world, to make them feel like they are your equal in everything, to teach them that they can voice their opinions on absolutely every and any subject under the sun – with or without any basis of understanding of the subject, or qualifications for that matter – all they have is their feeling of been entitled to say whatever they want, whenever they want and to whomever they want because you allowed them to do this to you!

It is wonderful to bring up confident and self-assured individuals who know what they want and who are not afraid to chase their dreams, but please remember that they still need to form part of a broader society. They still have to learn to co-exist with other individuals and to have respect for the opinions of others who feel just as strongly about things as they do.

These precious individuals need to begin at the bottom and go through the ranks of school, university and eventually work for a boss! A boss who is going to demand respect, demand that rules are followed, demand that there is loyalty and teamwork. A boss that is going to demand that they do what they are paid for without having to give them special attention and motivate them.

We are doing these young people a huge injustice by bringing them up to believe that everyone is going to treat them as though they are the single most important person in the world.

We need to go back to basics and teach our children what it means to treat everyone the way they would like to be treated, because the basis of every single relationship we ever enter into in our

lifespan is based on mutual respect. The lack of which is evident in the lawless, corrupt and disrespectful society we find ourselves living in.

Please can we be the change we want to see in the world around us...

School Schedule:

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| Monday | 3 May | Day 6 | 07:55 – 15:15 |
| Tuesday | 4 May | Day 7 | 07:55 – 15:15 |
| Wednesday | 5 May | Day 8 | 07:55 – 15:15 |
| Thursday | 6 May | Day 9 | 07:55 – 15:15 |
| Friday | 7 May | Day 10 | 07:55 – 14:00 |

High School Staff