



The Adventure Brief

"Survival can be summed up in three words: never give up."
Bear Grylls

Adventure is an integral part of what we do and who we are here at Stanford Lake College. It has been for the last 24 years!

But why did we decide to introduce Adventure at the school? Why are we not like all the other schools – without adventure and mainstream sport challenges?

Learning in the outdoors is so much more than “going on camp or paddling down a river or trekking through the bush”. Learning in the outdoors is about developing universal skills that will serve students well for life – wherever it may take them. Outdoor education experiences take learning well beyond the four walls of a traditional classroom and provide a place for students to learn, apply, and reflect upon real-world skills. Skills like problem-solving, decision-making, and relationship-building that, when practised in the outdoors, provide instant feedback for reflection and eventual transference back into their everyday lives. When accepting challenges in the outdoors through a multitude of adventure activities, students are able to work their way through problems in a real, hands-on way. We know that for young people, the best way to learn is to do.

So, this is why we have our Adventure programme. Getting challenged in different ways in every expedition we do, and sometimes even the external ones! THIS is what makes us different from other schools, and this is what sets us apart from the mainstream. We learn for life!!

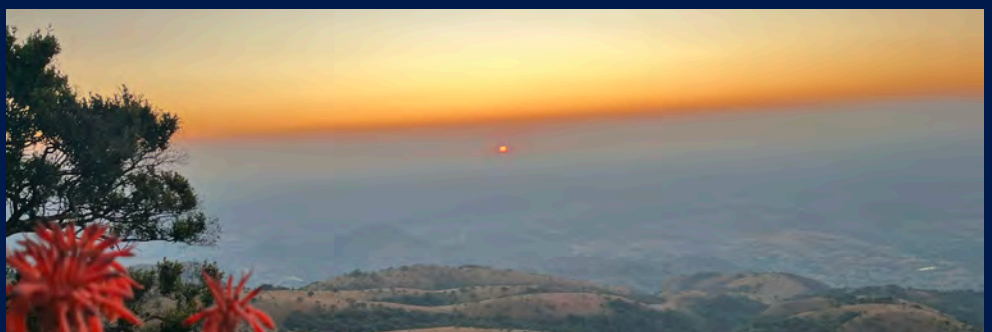
Coming soon is an exciting new climbing wall, and we have already been building the foundations for this in class. Students have been learning essential skills such as rope work, knot tying, and how to safely manage and overcome fear. These lessons are not just about climbing — they are about trust, confidence, problem-solving, and resilience, all of which will come to life on the wall and in our wider adventure programme.

For this programme to have real impact, parent support and understanding is important. Adventure education may look different, but its value is long-term. When parents back it, students are more willing to step out of their comfort zones, take on challenges, and grow. Together as a school community, we ensure that learners gain both knowledge and the life skills that will carry them far beyond school.

Neil Haarhoff

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Haarhoff'.

Director of Outdoor Education



Coaches Corner

Tommie Potgieter

Tommie is an experienced and highly dedicated netball coach with nearly 15 years of coaching experience, driven by a deep passion for the game and the development of young athletes. Over the years, he has guided teams to compete at the SASN National Championships in both 2018 and 2022, with both squads achieving an impressive 2nd place finish in Limpopo. His commitment to excellence is further reflected in his continuous professional growth, as he holds a National SASN B Umpire grading and is currently completing his Level 2 Coaching qualification.

Qualifications

- Level 1 Coach
- National SASN Umpire grading of B
- Secondary Schools Convenor for the Mopani District
- Limpopo Schools Netball Executive Committee as PRO

Netball Career

- Experienced in competitive Action Netball formats

Coaching Experience

- 15 years of netball coaching experience with a strong focus on player development and team performance
- Coached two teams to represent their school at the SASN National Championships (2018 & 2022)
- Both teams achieved an impressive 2nd place finish in Limpopo

Career Highlights

- Nearly 15 years of netball coaching experience, with teams competing at the SASN National Championships (2018 & 2022)
- Achieved 2nd place in Limpopo at both national championship appearances
- Holds a National SASN B Umpire grading
- Currently completing Level 2 Coaching qualification
- Serves on the Limpopo Schools Netball Executive Committee as PRO
- Secondary Schools Convenor for Mopani District
- Actively contributes to the growth and development of netball in the region

Beyond coaching, Tommie plays an influential leadership role in netball development within the region. He serves on the Limpopo Schools Netball Executive Committee as PRO and is the Secondary Schools Convenor for the Mopani District, where he actively contributes to the growth and advancement of the sport. His passion, determination, and service-driven approach have made him a respected figure in the netball community, consistently focused on creating opportunities and raising standards for players and coaches alike.



Swimmer Makes Waves at SA Schools Champs

Dario Wasley represented Stanford Lake College with pride at the SA Schools Swimming Championships held at UWC in the Western Cape last weekend, competing in an exceptionally tough field against older swimmers and athletes with Senior Level times.

Competing in the U17–U18 Senior Boys category, Dario qualified for both the 50m and 100m breaststroke finals, finishing 9th in the 50m and 11th in the 100m. With split seconds separating the swimmers, the competition showcased the incredibly high standard of school swimming in South Africa.

Adding to his achievements, Dario was named Captain of the Limpopo Team for 2026 — a proud moment for Stanford Lake College, with Dario standing as the school's only swimmer selected for the team. #StanfordStrong



BADGER OF THE WEEK

Badger of the Week goes to our Trail Badgers!

Conquering the Drakensberg one trail at a time — our runners showed grit, determination, and unstoppable Badger spirit out on the mountains. Through every climb, descent, and muddy challenge, the team ran with courage and pride.

The trails were tough. The Trail Badgers were tougher.

UPCOMING EVENTS



The graphic features a large green circular area at the top containing the text "Stanford Lake College GOLF DAY" and the college's crest with the motto "Labor et Integritas". Below this, three circular images show golfers in action. The background is a dark blue silhouette of a golfer, and the overall design is framed by green and white curved lines.

Stanford Lake College
GOLF DAY

19 June
Friday 2026

**Tzaneen
Country
Club**

2-BALL
Better Ball Stableford

**R4500
per 4 Ball**

SPONSOR
Premium Hole - R5000
Basic Hole - R2500

For bookings and more information:
marketing@slc.co.za

Parents, get involved in our Annual Golf Day!

We are calling on your support to help make the day a great success. We are still looking for prizes for players, items for goodie bags, and a few 4-balls available for those wanting to take part. Hole sponsorship is available – a great opportunity to promote your business or get involved on the day.

We welcome assistance with registrations to help everything run smoothly.

Your support makes a real difference in creating a memorable event for our school community. Get in contact with Caryn Rathmann 064 738 3472 or email marketing@slc.co.za

SPIRIT WEEK
11 MAY TO 16 MAY

MONDAY SPIRIT DURING TEA

TUESDAY TWIN TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY FUNKY SOCKS DAY

THURSDAY SPIRIT BRAAI 16:30-18:30

FRIDAY & SATURDAY DOMINATE DE LA SALLE
BADGER SPIRIT

Labor et Integritas



Save the Date

We are gearing up for the biggest sporting event of the year on campus as we welcome De La Salle Holy Cross College to Stanford Lake College!

Expect high intensity, school pride at its peak, and a full display of talent, determination, and true Badger spirit across every code. This is more than just a fixture — it's a celebration of sport, community, and rivalry done the right way.

We want everyone involved, on the sidelines, in the stands, and behind our teams as we make this an unforgettable day on campus.

Programme to follow.

VS

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

DE LA SALLE HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

STANFORD VS DE LA SALLE DERBY

Welcome to Haenertsburg and the Magoebaskloof mountains. This guide gives a simple overview of what is happening, where to eat, and what to do while you are here.

Farewell to our trees

During the mid-term break, the heavy rains and strong winds sadly caused our beautiful Oak trees to fall, resulting in significant damage and the difficult decision to remove the three main trees.

These trees have long been part of the heart and character of Stanford Lake College, and as a school community, we are truly heartbroken by their loss.

However, in true Badger spirit, we choose to see this as an opportunity for new beginnings. In the future, we look forward to planting indigenous trees that will continue to grow alongside our school for generations to come.



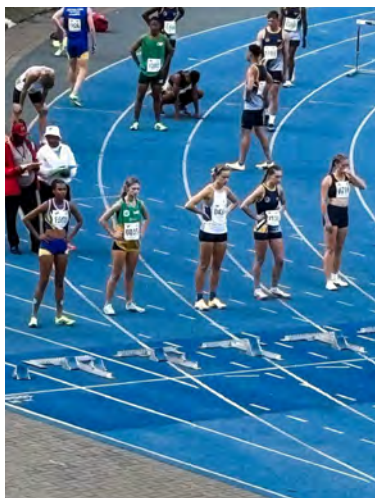
A Historic Achievement at the SA Athletics Championships

Congratulations to our top athletes who represented Stanford Lake College at the SA Athletics Championships over the mid-term break — a truly outstanding achievement for our school and for Limpopo athletics.

Qualifying to compete at this level is already exceptional, and this year marks a special milestone as three SLC athletes made the provincial team —

A special mention to Mika, who delivered an incredible performance in the 400m hurdles, finishing 6th in the final. This achievement officially places her as the 6th fastest U19 400m hurdler in South Africa — a remarkable national ranking and a moment of immense pride for the school.

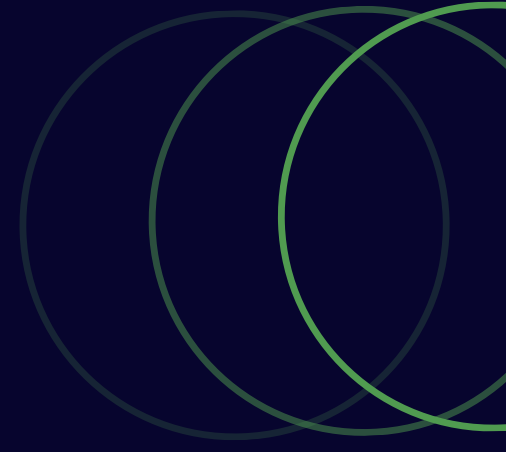
Well done to all our athletes for competing with courage, discipline, and Badger spirit on the national stage.





Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

11 – 16 May



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 11 May	Day 7			
	Choir	14:15 - 15:30	IJV	Renee
	Modern 2	14:15 - 15:00	Studio	RMJ
	Ballet	15:00 - 15:30	Studio	RMJ
	Vocal Lessons	15:30 - 17:00	IJV	Renee
	Golf League Inter High		LTT	NFH
	Departure :	07:00		
	Return SLC :	19:00		
	Girls Hockey vs Merensky (SLC)		Astro	TM, AG, KH
	U14 Girls	15:00		
	U16 Girls	16:00		
	1st Girls	17:30		
	Junior Boys Rugby (U16)	15:00 - 16:00	Top Field	JJN, NFH
	Junior Boys Rugby (U16)	16:00 - 16:55	Top Field	JJN,NFH
	Junior Girls Netball (U14 - U16)	15:00- 16:55	Netball Courts	TP,SS, MCM,LBM,
	Adventure	14:30 - 16:55	Adventure Centre	BA
	Swimming	15:30 - 16:50	HPC	KO
	Badger Women Hockey	17:00 - 18:00	Astro	
PS Lesson	By Appointment	PS Lab	LBM,GVS	
Grade 12 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	MCE Class	MCE	
Grade 8 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	JG Class	JG	
Tuesday 12 May	Day 1			
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:15	IJV	CAL
	Modern 2	14:40 - 15:30	Studio	RMJ
	Netball vs Frans Du Toit (FDT)			
	Departure	11:00	FDT	TP,SS,MCM,LBM,,KH
	Return	18:45		
	Court 1	Court 2	Court 3	
	14 A	15 B	16 B	14:00
	16 A	15 A		14:40
	17 A			15:20
1 st Team			16:00	

	Senior Boys Rugby (U17 - U19)	14:35 - 16:55	Top Fields	SJW,PJB
	Junior Boys Hockey (U14 - U16)	15:00 - 16:55	Astro	XJH,SF,IC
	Senior MTB/ Adventure	14:35 - 16:55	Adventure Centre	BA,NFH
	Swimming	15:30 - 16:50	HPC	KO
	Badger Men	18:00 - 19:00	Astro	
	PS Lesson	By appointment	PS Lab	LBM,GVS
	Grade 11 Math's	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	Afrikaans Senior Olympiad Boys	14:00 - 16:00	CAT Lab	JN
Wednesday 13 May	Day 2			
	Modern 1	14:00 - 14:45	RMJ	RMJ
	Ballet	14:45 - 15:30	RMJ	RMJ
	Music Lessons	14:45 - 17:30	IJV	Cal
	Boys Hockey SLC vs PHS (PHS)		PHS Astro	
	Departure : (U14 boys)	12:00		TM, XJH,SF,IC
	(U16 & 1st Boys)	12:45		
	Return : SLC (U14 & U16)	17:30		
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	U16	15:00		
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	Gr 10 Math's	14:00 - 14:45	NNM Class	NNM
	Gr 9 Math's	14:00 - 14:45	JG Class	JG
	Gr 11 FSE	13:50 - 14:45	JET Class	JET
	Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45	TN Class	Academic Com
	Afrikaans Olympiad Girls	14:00 - 16:00	CAT Lab	JN
Thursday 14 May	Day 3			
	Music Lesson	14:45 - 16:15	IJV	Cal

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Friday 15 May	Day 4 De La Salle Derby Mountain Biking De La Salle Netball Girls Tennis Chess Boys Hockey vs PEPPS Bus Times: SLC Day Scholar and PLK Bus Depart	16:00 Refer to Program Refer to Program Refer to Program Refer to Program 19:20	SLC SLC Track Netball Court Tennis Court HPC SLC Astro	All Staff BA
Saturday 16 May	De La Salle Derby SLC Day Scholar and PLK bus Depart Boys Tennis Girls Hockey Rugby Bus Time: SLC Day Scholar and PLK Bus Depart	06:00 Refer to Program Refer to Program Refer to Program 12:20	SLC Tennis Court SLC Astro Top Field	All Staff