



Matters of Principal

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

Siya Kolisi's story, as told in his autobiography *Rise*, is one of extraordinary courage, resilience and commitment. These values lie at the heart of both his leadership and the spirit we nurture at Stanford Lake College. From humble beginnings in Zwile to captaining the Springboks to Rugby World Cup glory, Kolisi's journey embodies what it truly means to rise above circumstance and lead with purpose.

Kolisi's courage was not only shown on the field but in the choices he made long before he ever wore the green and gold. Growing up in a township faced with poverty and hardship, he learned early that courage is not the absence of fear but the ability to stand firm despite it. His willingness to confront adversity, from battling self-doubt to overcoming social and economic barriers, mirrors the courage we endeavour to foster in our students: the courage to dream big, to face challenges with integrity and to keep going when the path is uncertain.

Equally central to Kolisi's story is his deep sense of commitment. His rise to leadership did not happen overnight. It was built on years of dedication, discipline and a determination to be better, not just for himself but for others. Whether in training, in his leadership of the Springboks, or through the Kolisi Foundation, he has consistently shown what it means to commit fully to a cause greater than oneself. This reflects the Stanford value of commitment — the willingness to give your best, to stand by your team and to persevere even when success is not guaranteed.

Kolisi's 100th cap for the Springboks stands as a celebration of this incredible journey, a milestone of excellence built on courage and commitment. Yet beyond the victories and accolades, his legacy lies in how he leads: with humility, faith and an authentic desire to uplift others. His story reminds us that leadership is not defined by titles but by character and compassion.

At Stanford, we celebrate leaders like Siya Kolisi who inspire us to rise, to lead with heart and to live out our values every day, no matter the field we stand on.

Warm Regards,

Siya Kolisi



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

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Congratulations to Michael Kiggundu and Alastair Wiltshire for being selected to the Limpopo Tennis Team.

Michael is currently seeded No. 7 in the U19 category, and Alastair holds an impressive No. 3 seeding in U15. Well done, boys — fantastic achievements on the court!



Celebrating Neil Haarhoff: Head of Adventure, Coach, and Rugby Legend

Neil Haarhoff has had an outstanding season. Among his many achievements this year, he was named 1st League Referee of the Year and recognised for officiating an international match between the Limpopo Amateur team and the Kenya National team.

As Head of Adventure and coach, Neil's passion, leadership, and dedication continue to inspire players and colleagues alike. Well done, Mr. Haarhoff — your achievements make us proud!

MATHEMATICS ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Yoshka MacMillan: Selected for the South African Mathematics Foundation Camp

The camp will be taking place at Stellenbosch University from Sunday 7 December to Friday 12 December 2025.

This prestigious invitation is extended to a select group of learners from across South Africa who have demonstrated outstanding interest and ability in mathematics.

Yoshka earned this recognition through his achievements in the 2025 South African Mathematics Olympiad, the South African Mathematics Training Programme, the South African Mathematics Challenge, and other notable mathematical accomplishments.

The event will be led by Dr Liam Baker from Stellenbosch University, offering participants the chance to engage with challenging problems, deepen their understanding, and connect with like-minded peers.

Congratulations, Yoshka, on this remarkable achievement — your dedication, talent, and passion for mathematics continue to make us proud!



ALUMNI UPDATE

Georgina Smit Appointed CEO of Green Building Council South Africa

The Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) has announced Georgina Smit as its next Chief Executive Officer, effective May 2026.

An award-winning sustainability professional, Georgina has been with GBCSA since 2019, most recently as Head of Technical and Executive Director, leading initiatives that have advanced South Africa's green property sector. A proud alumna of Stanford Lake College, she was the college's first Head Girl in 2000, reflecting her early leadership and commitment to making a positive impact.



WINNERS OF THE DESIGN A COVER FOR 2026



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AUSTRALIA

Coming to Australia for my Round Square exchange has been such an amazing and eye-opening experience so far. From the moment I landed in Canberra I could tell I was somewhere completely new and exciting. The city has a unique atmosphere with interesting buildings and beautiful scenery all around. At Radford College everyone has been so friendly and welcoming which made it easy to settle in. The school is really beautiful and I've already made some great friends who have helped me feel right at home.

My first weekend here I went to the Windows of the World festival where we visited different embassies and tried many kinds of cultural foods. It was such a fun experience and I loved learning about so many different countries in one day. The next weekend we went to Charlotte Pass and saw snow for the first time which was truly magical. We went on a hike and I even got to go tobogganing which was so exciting. Seeing kangaroos with their joeys up close was also something I'll never forget.

Most recently I went to the coast and got to water-ski on the Tomaga River and swim at Mossy Point Beach. The ocean along the east coast was so beautiful and peaceful it felt like a dream. I feel incredibly thankful to Round Square and everyone involved for making this opportunity possible. It has truly been one of the best experiences of my life so far. I've learned so much about Australia, about other people, and even about myself. I'm so grateful to be part of a programme that connects students from all over the world and gives us the chance to grow, explore, and make lifelong friendships. I can't wait to see what the rest of my exchange has in store.

- Dimpho Manenga



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ATHLETICS DATES 2026

Add the below dates to your diary for 2026

Interhouse Athletics (SLC) 23 & 24 January - Get your Gazebo and picnic basket ready and come support this fun weekend of interhouse rivalry.

For those competitive parents dust off your shoes and start training for the very competitive relay race vs Alumni and Staff !

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Triple Olympian Austin Smith #5 says:
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