



Matters of Principal

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.”
Albert Einstein

As we embark on a new year filled with opportunities and promise, it is fitting to once again pause and reflect on the remarkable achievements of the Matric class of 2024. Their dedication, resilience, and commitment to excellence have brought pride to our school and set an inspiring example for every student at Stanford Lake College.

The 2024 Matrics achieved outstanding results, demonstrating not only academic excellence but also the qualities of critical thinking, ethical reasoning, and problem-solving that we hold dear. These achievements are a testament to their hard work, the guidance of our dedicated staff, and the support of their families. Beyond their academic success, they have embodied the values of our school, contributing meaningfully to our school community and serving as role models for their peers.

At Stanford Lake College, we proudly follow the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) curriculum, which aligns with our vision of holistic education. The IEB is more than a rigorous academic framework; it is a philosophy of teaching and assessment that prepares students to navigate the complexities of the modern world. By fostering critical thinking, creative and reflective thinking, and ethical reasoning, the IEB ensures that our pupils are equipped not only to succeed academically but also to contribute meaningfully to society.

One of the key strengths of the IEB is its emphasis on developing active citizens who are committed to upholding the principles of the South African Constitution. This includes promoting justice, equality, and the wellbeing of all people. Through this curriculum, our students learn to engage thoughtfully with social and ethical issues, empowering them to become agents of positive change. Whether tackling global challenges or making a difference in their local communities, our pupils leave Stanford Lake College prepared to lead with integrity and purpose.

The IEB's focus on problem-solving and innovation is equally vital. In today's fast-changing world, the ability to think creatively and adapt to new challenges is essential. By encouraging students to think beyond the textbook and apply their knowledge in practical ways, we are cultivating a generation of thinkers, doers, and leaders who can navigate uncertainty with confidence.

As we celebrate the success of the Matric class of 2024, we also look forward to the future. The values and skills nurtured through the IEB curriculum are not confined to the classroom—they are the foundation for lifelong learning and meaningful contributions to society. To our entire school community, thank you for your unwavering support in helping us uphold this vision.

SLC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

All parents are invited to the first Parents Association (PA) meeting of 2025, which will be held at Stanford on 19 February. This will be the first AGM of the PA and parents will be asked to ratify the PA Constitution (find it [here](#) or on the [Parent Resources](#) page of our website). A PA Committee will also be elected to drive the initiatives of the PA going forward. Please use the nomination form (find it [here](#) or on the [Resources for parents](#) page of our website) to nominate parents to be on the committee. All nominations must be emailed to shirley.scriven@icloud.com and ngoakobosch@icloud.com by no later than *Friday 14 February 2025*.

JOIN THE SLC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We'd love parents to be more involved with Stanford Lake College. The Parents Association (PA) is open to parents to encourage participation.

Join the PA WhatsApp group using this [link](#)

NEWS IN BRIEF

PASTORAL CARE

Last week the Pastoral team, school counsellor (Happy Chauke) and the school nurse (Zandile Moagi) invited Dr Wisani Makhomisane (Psychiatrist) to run an awareness session about ADHD.

Dr Wisani spoke about how ADHD affects the brain, symptoms of ADHD and the effects it has in the classroom. Dr Wisani gave a step by step guide of the procedures that takes place, including all the relevant stakeholders involved in the process of receiving proper diagnosis.

The pastoral team would like to thank Dr Wisani for training the staff members about ADHD.

The Pastoral care team play a crucial role in our school. The programme is overseen by Mr Shane Friedrichs: Deputy Head - Pastoral Care, Head of Boarding and Ms Happy Chauke, the School Counsellor, who is responsible for all counselling initiatives. The Pastoral Care programme at Stanford Lake College is underpinned by the ethos and values of the school and is designed to provide a support system for our pupils which will ensure their development and growth during their time with us. Relationship building is at the heart of this process. We have several levels of Pastoral Care available to our pupils.

Get to know our Pastoral Care team

PASTORAL CARE TEAM



Mr Shane Friedrichs
Deputy Head - Pastoral Care



Ms Happy Chauke
School Counsellor



Isabella Dando
Chair



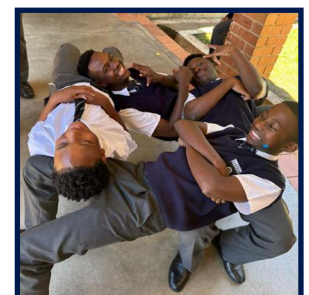
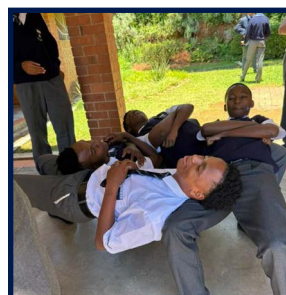
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Vice Chair



From left to right School Nurse Zandile Moagi, Dr. Makhomisane and school counsellor, Happy Chauke

Life on campus

Our pupils embrace our beautiful campus and sometimes we also enjoy catching them showcasing their 'hidden' abilities beyond the classroom.



MySchool signup

Please remember to signup for the MySchool Programme, you can join this programme using our unique QR code.



NEWS IN BRIEF ADVENTURE TIME

GRADES 8

The first Grade 8 adventure class for the year recently took place and saw our new adventurers taken straight out of their comfort zones and into the lake, testing their basic water capabilities and preparing them for the term ahead.



GRADE 9

Our Grade 9s are also gearing up and preparing for the river part of their first expedition which takes place from 3 to 9 March. The focus of this lesson was on boat control, capsize drills, river rescues and the correct steering techniques. While learning valuable life skills without even knowing it we celebrate the tenacity of our pupils and look forward to seeing them put these skills to use on their expeditions.



Plan your week: https://www.slc.co.za/_files/ugd/8be4d8_797e80b8ff45457fb3ecaeb09416d927.pdf you can also find the weekly calendar on the “[Resources for Parents](#)” section of our website.



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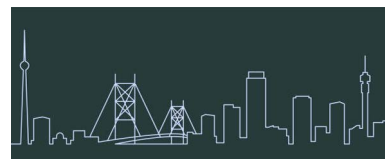
INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS PROGRAM

Friday 24th January &
Saturday 25th January
2025

SCAN ME



Jozi we're coming for you!



If you have told your friends or family about us and they haven't quite had the opportunity to be on campus, we'll be at the High School exhibition at Parkview Primary on the 29th of January from 13:00 where they can meet our Headmaster, Mr. Alan Redfern and Deputy Head - Pastoral Care, Head of Boarding - Mr. Shane Friedrichs. We will also be at the **High School Expo** in the Fourways Mall on the 30th of January from 13:00 - 17:00 and from 09:00 on Saturday the 31st of January.