



Matters of Principal

"Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

— Roy T. Bennett

Schools are such busy places that at times we lose sight of what our core function is: offering a strong academic education. The oddity of this profession is that on a weekly basis we celebrate the performances of our sportsmen and women, our fishermen and cyclists, our chess players and musicians. We do acknowledge academic performances when we have outstanding achievements but it would be fair to say that such achievements do not grab the headlines as often as they should. At this time of year, however, we get to celebrate our academic performance as we reflect on the achievements of our matrics. This year, once again, we have plenty to celebrate and plenty to be grateful for.

The class of 2021 have excelled. During the course of last year, they displayed so many of the values and characteristics that we hold near to our hearts and they have been justly rewarded. I am immensely proud of every one of them and congratulate them. As they embark on the

next phase of their lives, I know they have the skills and knowledge to find success. This is a daunting time for these young adults as they seek a path, but with God's grace, they will fly. I reflect too on the amazing work done by the entire Stanford team. Thank you to the educators for all they have done as well as the support staff too. This has been a collaborative effort.

The year is off to a busy but exciting start. The Matrics have set a wonderful tone, the Grade 8s are settling in and we continue to plan for a normal 2022. I look forward to seeing many of you around the athletics field tomorrow.

God Bless

CLASS OF 2021 TOP ACHIEVERS



Stanford Lake College



Danish Saleem
8 DISTINCTIONS

Accounting,
Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences,
Advanced Programme
Mathematics



Ethan Jones
8 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
Business Studies,
English Home Language,
History,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences,
Advanced Programme
Mathematics



Hloni Mangena
7 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
History,
Life Orientation,
Life Sciences,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences



Nikita Stoltz
7 DISTINCTIONS

Accounting,
Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
Life Orientation,
Life Sciences,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences



Anja Maree
6 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
Business Studies,
Computer Applications
Technology,
History,
Life Orientation,
Mathematical Literacy

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Mudathir Cassim
5 DISTINCTIONS

Accounting,
Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences



Anke Spies
5 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
History,
Life Orientation,
Life Sciences



Josh Fairhead
4 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
Information Technology,
Life Orientation



Jason Freestone
4 DISTINCTIONS

Business Studies,
Geography,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics



Heema Kalan
4 DISTINCTIONS

Business Studies,
English Home Language,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics



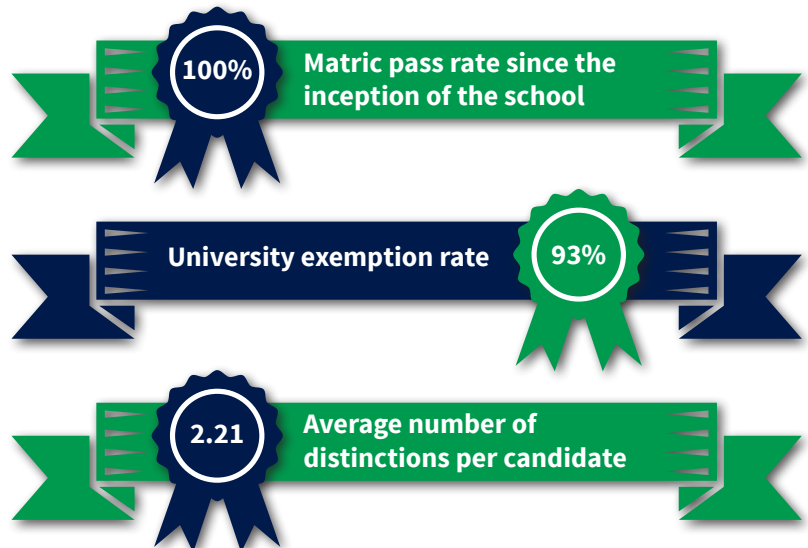
Reuben Middleton
4 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
Computer Applications
Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics



Stefan Otto
4 DISTINCTIONS

Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences



The Class of 2021 have excelled. As a collective, they have produced an outstanding set of matric final examination results, despite the immense challenges of COVID they had to face and overcome. To a student, they have performed superbly. Through hard work, commitment and dedication, they have achieved results that will open doors for them in the future. In the words of Disraeli, "There is no education like adversity". Whilst credit must go to the pupils, it must be acknowledged that without the commitment and professionalism of the staff who have toiled through equally challenging times, we would not be able to celebrate as we are. It is important to also acknowledge the work put in during the foundation phases. I thank all our feeder schools and the dedicated junior school teachers who have ensured that pupils arriving at Stanford Lake College have a solid academic foundation.

We are very proud to announce that once again we have maintained our 100% pass rate, with 93% of our pupils securing Bachelor Degree passes, enabling them to pursue further study at tertiary institutions. The class of 2021 obtained an average of 2,21 A's

per candidate with a total of 95 subject distinctions. Both our Dux, Danish Saleem, and Ethan Jones achieved a full house of eight distinctions. Danish was placed in the top 1% of candidates nationwide in Mathematics with the following candidates also being placed in the top 1% for the subjects listed: Hloni Mangena (Life Orientation), Nikita Stoltz (Afrikaans First Additional Language) and Jonathan Palmer (Maths Literacy).

As a community, we can be extremely proud of this group of Stanfordsians. We know that "it takes a village to educate a child" and I thank all those involved in the education of these young people. I wish them all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their lives.



Mrs Dionne Redfern
HOD English

I began teaching at Maritzburg College in 1991. After 8 years there, I moved to Michaelhouse with Alan where I spent 11 years teaching English and Drama and running the theatre. Then another move – this time to Kingsmead College for my first experience of teaching girls. Another move followed two years later to the Eastern Cape to DSG for 7 years where I taught English and was Deputy Academics. Most recently, I was Exec Head of Ridgeway College in Louis Trichardt for 2 years before joining my husband again at Stanford.

Some interests: reading, theatre, public speaking and watching Max Verstappen win.



Mrs Marina Els
HOD Mathematics

I am passionate about Mathematical patterns in nature and therefore enjoy teaching Mathematics and link it to the Sciences, in particular Life Sciences. My teaching experience spans over 22 years, teaching various subjects including Maths, AP Maths, Physical Sciences, Natural Sciences, Life Sciences and Mathematical Literacy. My teaching career started in Zeerust in North West, where I grew up.

After getting married, I discovered the splendour of the Waterberg area, where we stayed for about 15 years and I taught at a pioneer school, Waterberg Academy, for many of those years. I learned so much there and was particularly involved in the Eco-side of the school. Many life-time acquaintances and dear friends were made. I was privileged to meet and work with Clive Walker, on Rhino Conservation and many other conservationists from the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve. I also still keep contact with the Wadleys, of the Waterberg Conservancy, who became dear friends of mine. Lyn Wadley, professor at WITS University, has been a great inspiration to me.

Six years ago, we relocated to Polokwane to give my own three children better subject choice possibilities. I taught there at Curro Heuwelkruin. My family and I love camping and discovering new places, travelling on the back roads of our lovely country. As a hobby, I cultivate indigenous trees from seeds and enjoy gardening. Since I saw Stanford Lake College for the first time 15 years ago, it has been my dream to teach here, one day when I am big. I am very excited that that dream has been realised and I can be part of this excellent school!



Mr Songezo Mpangeva
Physical Sciences

My name is Songezo Mpangeva from Sterkspruit in the Eastern Cape. I am joining the Physical Science department at Stanford Lake as a junior and senior grade teacher. I have spent the last six years in Makhanda, formerly known as Grahamstown, where I was doing my studies at Rhodes University. While studying, I worked as an intern at St Andrew's College and taught Mathematics and Science at the St Andrew's College Academy. Some of my interests include football, gardening and reading. I am passionate about serving the community. I am an enthusiastic football coach and like to see my players use a mental approach to sports. I am looking forward to my time at SLC.



Mrs Tersia Koster
*Admissions Officer &
Assistant Marketer*

I was born and bred in Ermelo, Mpumalanga. Moved to Nelspruit where I was in the Insurance industry for almost 10 years. I then married my husband, Niko, and we were lucky to then move to Gaborone, Botswana. I have two older children who are already married. It was whilst living in Gaborone that we decided to have a “laat lammetjie”, then Zoë was born.

We lived in Polokwane for 15 years and last year we decided to move to the mountain and we are loving it. I like reading, gardening and spending time with my loved ones. I am looking forward to an amazing time working with all the Stanfordinians!



Mr Tatenda Mabayah
Head of Hockey

“Modest, down to earth and normally very calm”, is how I would briefly describe myself.

I’ve been fortunate enough to represent Zimbabwe in both Junior and Senior National Hockey levels, highlights being, a bronze medal at the Under 21 Junior Africa Cup and a silver medal at the Senior Men’s Hockey Open Series Olympic qualifiers. I was the Hockey Astro manager and head of coaching at Ben Vorster High School as well as Limpopo High Schools hockey for the past three years. I am excited to be joining the Stanford family and transferring my knowledge and experience. Apart from finding my fullest form of expression on the hockey field, I’m an Accounting Sciences student, who enjoys days spent on the golf course, an avid reader and occasional writer.



Miss Charlize Meyer
Intern

“Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.”

I’m Charlize Meyer from Tzaneen. I am so excited to join the Stanford team in 2022. I am 20 years old and after finishing High School I did some assistant teaching at Wonderboom High School. Last year I also studied at Aros. I am planning to finish my teaching degree in teaching with them. I have a big passion for children and that is the reason why I chose to become a teacher. My second passion is sport. During my school years I played hockey and ringball. I achieved my provincial colours in both. I also equipped myself as an umpire in order for me to live out my love for sports by doing coaching too.



Mr Solly Molewa
School Driver

Solly was born locally in Modjadji, where his mother still stays. He, however, now lives in the village of Mokgoloboto and has five children. Before working at Stanford Lake College, he worked for many years as a truck driver. In his down time Solly likes watching TV and listening to music, especially disco!