

# Stanford Lake College



## ABOUT US



Founded in 1998, Stanford Lake College is an independent English-medium co-educational high school. Four hundred kilometres northeast of Johannesburg lies Magoebaskloof, picturesquely situated between Tzaneen and Polokwane, near the hamlet of Haenertsburg.

Our vision is to optimise our uniqueness, and in so doing, develop balanced, globally astute individuals. Our values-based education, the programmes we subscribe to, our membership of the Round Square organisation, our focus on pupil mental wellness through the Visible Wellbeing programme, our symbiotic relationship with our immediate natural environment and our highly qualified caring staff enable us to offer a truly unique experience to our pupils.

Stanford Lake College is a Christian ethos school which welcomes pupils from different cultures, religions, races and languages.

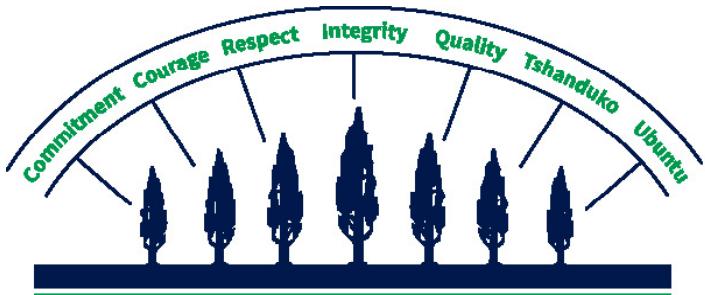


Mr Pierre Jacobs,  
**Headmaster**

**265**  
**pupils**

# OUR VALUES

Our unique values were written by Stanfordians for Stanfordians. Each value is represented by one of the seven trees on our school logo. They form the heartbeat of who we are, connecting us and providing the foundation upon which we grow.



**I have integrity** – I am honest and trustworthy

**I have courage** – I stretch myself beyond the ordinary

**I have respect** – I show it and I earn it

**I value quality** – I will ignite a passion for excellence

**I have commitment** – What I start I will finish: I am accountable

**Tshanduko** – I learn for life

**Ubuntu** – We are a family, celebrating the strength in our diversity



## ACADEMICS



Our commitment to education is a promise to care for the young people who are our future leaders. It's an investment in time and relationship building, and one in which teachers take students on an exciting journey of discovery.

***It's a journey during which we aim to inspire curiosity about the world; the courage to explore and the confidence to lead.***

We follow the Independent Examinations Board (IEB) curriculum, which allows learners entry into local and international institutions of higher learning. It encourages them to think critically and solve problems creatively; shows them how to apply the knowledge they acquire; and prepares them for university or college.



# ACADEMICS

Stanford Lake College offers a variety of subjects within the IEB framework.

***With a teacher to pupil ratio of 1:8, teachers are able to address issues comprehensively and monitor each pupil's individual progress.***

Stanford Lake College prides itself on developing independent thinkers who are prepared for success beyond the classroom. Our academic programme, delivered through the Independent Examinations Board (IEB), is designed to challenge students to think critically, communicate effectively, and solve problems creatively. The IEB curriculum is recognised for its rigorous academic standards and emphasis on understanding rather than repetitive memorization.

**100%**

Matric pass  
rate in  
2025

**98%**

University  
exemption in  
2025



**“Today’s students are the leaders of the future. It’s our responsibility to prepare them well.”**  
- Round Square

# ROUND SQUARE



In today’s world, character education is widely acknowledged to be essential in the development of well-rounded, active and informed global citizens.

Founded in 1966, Round Square is an internationally diverse network of over 280 like-minded schools in 50 countries on six continents. These schools collaborate to create meaningful, real-world opportunities for students to develop global competence, character and understanding.

**Connect Across the World – Round Square Postcards**  
Our students take part in the Round Square Postcard Exchange, a fun and inspiring way to connect with peers from schools around the globe. Each postcard shares stories, cultures, and ideas, helping students build a global perspective from the comfort of their classroom.

In Grade 10, students are given the opportunity to go on exchange, studying for a period of six weeks to three months at any of the Round Square-affiliated schools worldwide.

We have the opportunity each year to participate in international conferences, connecting with students from around the globe. These gatherings provide a platform to engage in meaningful dialogue and explore subjects that align closely with the core values promoted by Round Square.



# PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care program at Stanford Lake College is underpinned by the ethos and values of the school and is designed to provide a support system for our students 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 students. Stanford Lake College follows a Visible Wellbeing program developed by Professor Lea Waters.

This approach aims to provide both students and staff with a psychological toolkit that allows them to lead flourishing lives where they are able to feel and function at their best.

The programme is overseen by Mr. Shane Friedrichs: Deputy Head and Ms. Happiness Chauke, the School Counsellor, who is responsible for all counselling initiatives.

Every student in the school belongs to a tutor group of approximately 10 students.

All academic and boarding house staff play an integral role in the tutor system.

Our full time school nurse: Sister Zandile Moagie is responsible for the medical health of pupils and staff at Stanford Lake College.

Our onsite sanatorium offers a private space for children to recover and rest should the need arrive.



# BOARDING



70%  
of pupils at SLC  
are boarders

5  
Boarding houses

1  
Day Scholar  
house

Seventy percent of pupils at Stanford Lake College are weekly or termly boarders.

***Our boarding houses are a place for social development, providing endless opportunities for self-discovery, individual growth and making friends for life.***

The secure and structured environment is designed to recognise and nurture individuals for who they are. The boarding houses are modern and comfortable and every effort is made to ensure that students are happy and productive. Weekend activities are arranged for termly boarders.

Each boarding house is supervised by a senior house parent who has a residence attached to it. We have a full-time Sanatorium Sister living on campus and a consultant Doctor when required.



# ADVENTURE

***“It’s not the mountain we conquer but ourselves.”***  
- Sir Edmund Hillary

Adventure is a cornerstone of education at Stanford Lake College. Adventure racing, mountain biking, kayaking, wall climbing, abseiling, rafting, orienteering, archery and wilderness expeditions form part of our outdoor curriculum, teaching skills that push beyond the ordinary outside the classroom.

We take the safety of our students extremely seriously and all adventure classes, trips and expeditions are conducted by professionally trained expedition leaders.

Pupils in Grade 8 and 9 spend three lessons per week attending Outdoor Education lessons at the Dream an' Do (DAD) Centre, and enjoy two different expeditions each year. Exploring the two highest peaks in Limpopo and taking to the water in river rafts.

Pupils in Grade 10 embark on a self-planned, 10-day enrichment tour designed to extend the skills they have developed and deepen their learning through real-world experience. This journey encourages independence, teamwork and personal growth, while offering meaningful opportunities to apply their knowledge beyond the classroom.



# SPORTS



Stanford Lake College offers a wide range of traditional as well as adventure sporting opportunities. Numerous students have excelled at both the provincial and national level in sports ranging from cricket and hockey to mountain biking and fly fishing.

Our students are taught to compete with purpose and commitment, striving for excellence and always within the school's value system of fair play and sportsmanship.

Our facilities include a state-of-the-art water-based hockey astro turf; cricket, rugby and soccer fields; tennis and netball courts; a lake and access to kilometres of mountain biking haven. The High Performance Centre boasts a fully equipped gym, two squash courts, two classrooms, four offices for sports staff, an aerobics floor and a 25-metre indoor heated swimming pool.



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