



# Collegiate Girls' High School

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Dear Parents

## WELCOME TO THE 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

As learners started arriving at school this morning, so one could feel the excitement. The chatter in the corridors increased as more and more poured into the building and saw their friends once more. Many had walked through pouring rain as they came through the gates which symbolises the blessings to come during the year as they experience the privilege of education in a well-resourced school.

In this morning's assembly, I shared with the learners the following:

*Last year, we celebrated 150 years of Collegiate excellence. It was a year to look back with pride and forward with hope. We spoke of uniting as a community of Collegiate girls worldwide and igniting the Collegiate of tomorrow. That is the vision that we are carrying into this year, but now it is time to take action.*

*Our theme for the year, "**Living our Values, Building our Future**", is the next step in that journey. It is about putting into practice everything that we have learned from our history and from the stories of the Old Girls who have gone before us. Living our values means showing a good work ethic, respecting others, taking responsibility, being compassionate, and leading with integrity. It is about letting these values guide how we treat each other, how we tackle challenges, and how we grow as individuals and as a school.*

*You will see in your School Diary that each Grade has a value assigned to it and will focus on that value to help make it more real in your everyday lives. Grade Eights, you will start your high school journey by focusing on good work ethic, learning the importance of consistent effort and determination. Grade Nines, you will focus on respect, building strong relationships and treating the environment with respectful care. Grade Tens, you will take on responsibility, recognizing the power of owning your choices and actions. Grade Elevens, you will embody compassion, learning to empathize with and support others in meaningful ways, and to reach out to those in need in the community. Finally, Grade Twelves, you will focus on integrity, leading by example and showing the strength of honesty and moral character. Together, these values will help you grow as individuals and live a values-driven life.*

*Building our future is bigger than just imagining what is next—it is about creating it, starting now. It is about making choices today that will strengthen Collegiate tomorrow. Whether it is how we show up in class, support each other in sports, or serve our community, every decision we make shapes the future of this school and the legacy we will leave behind.*

*But do not forget that building our legacy is not just about Collegiate—it is about you. By living out these values, you are building your own character, your own resilience, and your own future. The skills and habits you develop here will equip you for life beyond these walls, helping you face challenges with confidence and lead with purpose. When you strengthen yourself, you strengthen the world around you.*

*So, let us make 2025 a year of action. Let us live our values proudly, knowing that we are laying the foundation for an even brighter Collegiate, life and world.*

We are privileged to start our academic year with our dedicated staff body and we are thrilled to welcome new staff members to our team, introducing from back and left to right: Ms Pretty Kholwane, Mr Paul McLachlan, Ms Boikanyo Mashigo, Mrs Leana Rodrigues, Ms Khanyisa Nonkontwane and Mr Cody Posthumus.



**Mr Paul McLachlan** joins us in a promotion post to the School Management Team and to head up Information Technology and Computer Literacy. Mr McLachlan joins us from Curro Westbrook where he was the Head of Information Technology, Computer Applications Technology and Coding and Robotics. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Technology, studied Computer Science and Programming through UNISA, and completed a Post Graduate Certificate in Education through Stadio.

**Ms Boikanyo Mashigo** has been appointed into the Visual Arts position. Ms Mashigo hails from Gauteng and graduated from the Tshwane University of Technology with a Bachelor of Technology Honours in Fine and Applied Arts and has a Post Graduate Certificate in Education. Ms Mashigo has experience in both IEB and public schools, of which the latter includes a period at Pretoria High School for Girls.

**Ms Pretty Thembela Kholwane** will join the Consumer Studies and Life Orientation Departments. Ms Kholwane has a Bachelor of Education: FET in Consumer Studies and has been teaching most recently at Faithway Christian College in Kwazulu Natal. Having grown up in East London, she is pleased to be returning to the Eastern Cape.

**Mrs Leana Rodrigues** and her family moved from Paarl to Gqeberha last year and she taught at Pearson High School in 2024. Prior to that, she had taught at Paarl Boys' High School and in Bonnievale after having graduated from The University of Stellenbosch with Bachelor of Arts: Humanities degree, majoring in Afrikaans en Nederlands and Psychology. Mrs Rodrigues will thus be joining the Afrikaans Department.

**Mr Cody Posthumus** who facilitated classes in the IT and CAT departments in the second half of last year, has now been appointed in a part-time position teaching Economic Management Sciences as well as Computer Literacy. Mr Posthumus matriculated from Grey High School and graduated from the University of Pretoria with a Bachelor of Education Senior Phase and Further Education Degree majoring in Accounting, Business Studies, Life Orientation and Physical Education. In addition, Mr Posthumus has a Higher Certificate in Sport Science Education and is a sportsman of note with coaching expertise in Hockey and Cricket.

**Ms Khanyisa Nonkontwana** joins us in the Educator Internship position. Ms Nonkontwana comes from Makhanda, having attended Victoria Girls' High School and studied at Rhodes University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree. The internship is for two years during which time she will complete a PGCE part-time, while learning on the job. Ms Nonkontwana's subjects are EMS and CAT. The internship is a whole-school experience, including the hostel where she will reside and fulfil duties.

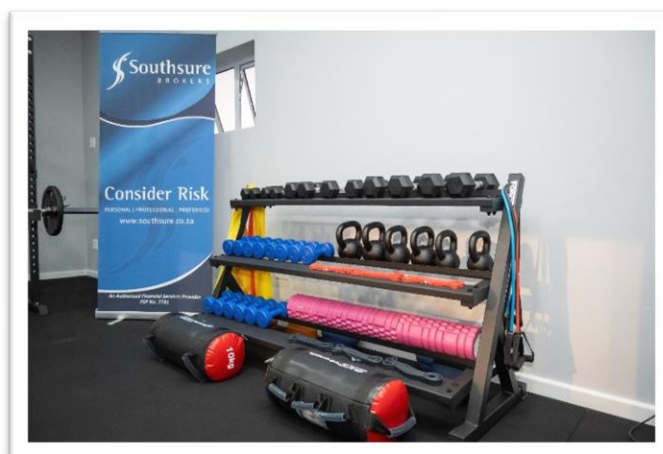
We look forward to the impact that each will make at Collegiate as they teach and guide your daughters.

It is with much excitement that we introduce our in-house Biokinetics specialist, **Mr Jaques Gerber**, who will head up our **Collegiate SouthSure Fitness Centre**.

From an early age, Mr Gerber developed a profound love for both sports, rehabilitation and strength and conditioning. This unique blend of interests led him to pursue a career in Biokinetics. Mr Gerber graduated from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University with a degree in BA Honours Human Movement Science in Biokinetics, and his subsequent training and experience have equipped him with the skills and knowledge necessary to provide high-quality conditioning and rehabilitation to clients and athletes.



He currently runs his own private practice in Gqeberha, where he does orthopedic rehabilitation, chronic disease management, sports specific rehabilitation as well as wellness programmes and various medical aid assessments.



In addition, for the last seven years, Mr Gerber has worked with the Nelson Mandela University First Team Hockey Ladies where he provided field side support, strength and conditioning sessions and recovery plans tailored to the team and the individual athlete's needs.

His biokinetics skills, paired with his ability to communicate effectively with athletes and their support teams, have yielded excellent results in terms of both injury prevention and performance enhancement.

