



# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 1/ 2025 - 22 JANUARY 2025

**DREAM  
BELIEVE  
ACHIEVE**

## HHS VISION

To be a leading co-educational **high school**, providing exceptional **physical** and **social** environments in which **all** learners have the **opportunity** to become the **best they can be**, academically, culturally, socially and in sport.

## HHS VALUES

**H**-onour | **H**-ard work | **S**-ervice

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I welcome all members of the school community back to the start of the 2025 academic year. I extend a particular welcome to the ±300 students who have joined us this year. I hope that you will all be happy here and that you will make the most of the opportunities that will be available to you.

## **STAFFING**

We have welcomed the following new staff members this year:

- Mrs Liesl Funnel (Mathematics Department)
- Mr Minenhle Ngubane (IsiZulu FAL and History)
- Ms Shannon O'Halloran (Mathematics & Natural Science)
- Ms Tabitha Thrush (Natural Science and Physical Science)
- Mrs Jenny Hiscock (English & Tourism)
- Ms Tarryn Pape (Afrikaans)
- Mr Saurav Silochan (Geography)

We hope that you will be very happy at Hillcrest High School.

## **ACHIEVERS**

Congratulations to the following learners who have been selected for the following Softball Teams:

### **SA U18 Squad**

Shannyn Olivier

Jordan Kidgell

Asiphile Blose

### **Inter-Regional All-Stars Teams**

U13 – Sienna Kidgell

U15 – Luthando Blose

U15 – Kellan Boynton (Non-Travelling Reserve)

U15 – Isabella Momoh (Non-Travelling Reserve)

U15 - Shaelyn Geldenhuys (Non-Travelling Reserve)

U15 – Ryan Rees (Non-Travelling Reserve)

U15 – Ethan Moss (Non-Travelling Reserve)

U19 – Shannyn Olivier

U19 – Jordan Kidgell

U19 – Brooke Buckley

## AWARDS

ACADEMIC AWARDS		
GRADE 8 2024		
NAME	SURNAME	AWARD
TERANIA	GOVENDER	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
OWETHU	MKHIZE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
KHWEZI	MNYANDU	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
ELLA	SAUNDERS	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
LANGELIHLE	NXUMALO	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
SINAKHOKONKE	MKHIZE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
MATTHEW	PILLAY	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
KEEGAN	COMPTON-JAMES	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
ERIN	LOWE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
SIMMUKELE	GWALA	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
RIAN	VAN DER BYL	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
KELLAN	BOYNTON	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
SIPHOKAZI	MAKANYA	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
AZANIA	NTSHANGASE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
MAKAYLA	TORCHIA	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
JADE-LEE	BAILEY	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
AMY	NEVELING	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
RACHAEL	ATKINSON	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
NOAH	BERNDT	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
CAYLIA	POWELL	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
UYATHANDWA	MADONDA	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
ALEXIS	DUNCAN	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
SBONGAKONKE	NXUMALO	ACADEMICS
SESONA	GUZANA	ACADEMICS
MEGAN	HUTCHINSON	ADADEMICS
MAFUNA	NKABINDE	ACADEMICS
ANNABELLE	VAN HEERDEN	ACADEMICS
THALENTE	CELE	ACADEMICS
WILLIAM	BOTHWELL	ACADEMICS
ESIHLE	MYENDE	ACADEMICS
JAYDEN-LEE	ANDERSON	ACADEMICS
SCARLETT	FERREIRA	ACADEMICS
AZANDE	MAPHUMULO	ACADEMICS
NDUMISO	ZWANE	ACADEMICS
LESEDI	MOKHESENG	ACADEMICS
JOY	MACKENZIE	ACADEMICS
THERESLI	MEYERS	ACADEMICS
BENJAMIN	SMITH	ACADEMICS
CHARNIA	MAISTRY	ACADEMICS
THEKO	MOTAUNG	ACADEMICS
EBEN	COETSER	ACADEMICS

**DEC - ACADEMIC AWARDS****GRADE 9 2024**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
LUKE	WHITTLE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
ISABELLA	TE BRUGGE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
OWOMUSA	DLAMINI	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
SAIUSHA	VIRARAGAVAN	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
ANRO	ADENDORFF	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
MAJA	KEARLEY	ACADEMICS(JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
DARSHNI	REDDY	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
JEMA-LEE	DUNCAN	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
THUBELIHLE	NJOKWE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
FAITH	WILLIAM	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
NORMA-JEAN	PRICE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
ISABELLA	MOMOH	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
JAYLAH	NOBLE	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS)
PEYTON	KIETZMANN	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
JODI	MACLACHLAN	ACADEMICS (JUNIOR COLOURS RE-AWARD)
WAYNE	KEARLEY	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
YOLANDA	ZONDI	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
PIYA	BROWN	ACADEMICS
KEIRA	ARPIN	ACADEMICS
LIAM	SANDERS	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
PHELISA	HADEBE	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
RUDY	KLIJNSTRA	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
KAYLA	JACKSON	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
KAITLYN	STEYN	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
UZOMA	AGBAKWURU	ACADEMICS
CALLUM	STIEGER	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
RYLAN	LEASK	ACADEMICS
SIBANI	MAGWAZA	ACADEMICS
LUTHANDO	BLOSE	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
JERIAH	GOVENDER	ACADEMICS
BANELE	SHANGE	ACADEMICS
OLWAMI	VILAKAZI	ACADEMICS
OKUHLE	MHLUNGU	ACADEMICS (RE-AWARD)
KAYLYN	SINCLAIR	ACADEMICS
LINDY	MEIER	ACADEMICS

**GRADE 10 2024**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
BRIELLE	PILLAY	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
AMBER-LYNN	JONES	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
HANNAH	GREFFRATH	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
EMILY	O'SHAUGHNESSY	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
AZOLA	SHANDU	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
ANDISWA	MAPHUMULO	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
KYLIE	FREEMAN	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)

LUYANDA	MKHIZE	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
CARLOS	ZAKWE	ACADEMICS
MELOKUHLE	DLAMINI	ACADEMICS
JAYDEN	CHAYTHRAN	ACADEMICS
SASELIHLE	MKHIZE	ACADEMICS
SEBASTIAN	SMITH	ACADEMICS
NANGAMSO	NXASANA	ACADEMICS
THINGO	DLAMINI	ACADEMICS
TAYLOR	VAN TROMP	ACADEMICS
KAMITH	CHETTY	ACADEMICS
SHAWNA	CREED	ACADEMICS
SINENHLOSO	SHOZI	ACADEMICS
MAROELLE	COERTSE	ACADEMICS
NOLWANDLE	JYANE	ACADEMICS

**GRADE 11 2024**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
HANNAH	KING	ACADEMICS (HONOURS CUM LAUDE)
ETHAN	AINHIRN	ACADEMICS (HONOURS CUM LAUDE)
MICAELLA	HUNTER	ACADEMICS (HONOURS CUM LAUDE)
LINDOKUHLE	CHIYA	ACADEMICS (HONOURS CUM LAUDE)
VANESSA	VAN DER WESTHUIZEN	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
CHEYENNE	HOAREAU	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
HAYLEY	CHABANT	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
ERYN	BEECH	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
DAYNA	GAGIANO	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
SAMANTHA	BERNDT	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
KELSEY	BROWN	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
LOLA	KLIJNSTRA	ACADEMICS (HONOURS)
CHLOE	MARAIS	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
JULIA	ANGUS	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
KHETHELO	NGCAMU	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS RE-AWARD)
JOE	TE BRUGGE	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS RE-AWARD)
ARIYIN	COLLINGWOOD	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
ISABELLA	TRAINI	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
GABRIELLA	HERBST	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
KYLIE	COETZEE	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
JENNIFER	ZINN	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
ESIHLE	BUTHELEZI	ACADEMICS (FULL COLOURS)
CONNOR	LOWE	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
JADE	GERICKE	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
SIPHELELE	MTHETHWA	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
CARLA	SCHWARZ	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
LEAH	DONKIN	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)

LERATO	MANTASHE	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
CADENCE	BARCLAY	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
NEVILLE	MADISON	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
AYABONGITHEMBA	MAKANYA	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
FAYE	VERSTER	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
CADENCE	FOURIE	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
JORDAN	KIDGELL	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
THANDOLWETHU	SISHI	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
CUAN	LE ROUX	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
YUKTHA	MOODLEY	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)
AKIRA	MC MILLAN	ACADEMICS (HALF COLOURS)

## **NSC MATRIC RESULTS 2024**

I wish to congratulate our Class of 2024 for achieving a pleasing set of results. 217 students wrote the NSC examination last year and 210 passed, giving us a pass rate of 96,8%. 156 obtained Bachelor's passes whilst 42 obtained Diploma passes. 91% of the class of 2024 have thus satisfied the minimum requirements for admission to tertiary study.

There were 195 subject distinctions, 13 for English HL, 22 for Dramatic Arts, 36 for Life Orientation, 16 for Mathematical Literacy and 53 for isiZulu FAL.

### Top Achiever - 8As

- Annika Adendorff

### Learners who achieved 7 A's

- Kiarra Chetty
- Abigail King

### Learners who achieved 5 A's were:

- Leiah Kennedy
- Thandolwami Makhanya
- Fanelesibonge Mngadi, and
- Morgan Walker

### Learners who achieved 4 A's were:

- Tayla Davies
- Sinothando Dlamini
- Jessica Graham
- Sphile Kubone
- Chelsea Robertson
- Kaelyn Stainer

Congratulations to them all! We were exceptionally pleased with the results. The class of 2024 did not have an easy high school experience, having been affected by the Covid-

19 lockdowns, the unrest, the floods and the like. We are very proud that they took our motto to heart and realised the truth in “*If it is to be, it is up to me!*” We wish them all the very best for their futures.

Of course, the challenge to this year’s Matrics is to strive for a 100% pass rate! Success in Matric (as in any Grade) is the result of consistent work throughout the year, regular attendance at school, and the submission of all assignments. In addition, the system of continuous assessment (or CASS) places a lot of pressure on Grade 12’s as they earn marks towards their final mark throughout the year. CASS counts 25% of the final mark in Grade 12 with the end of year examination contributing the other 75%. This will all be covered at the **Grade 12 Parents Information Evening** on 28 January. I wish the class of 2025 all the best for a successful grade 12 year.

### **GRADE 8-11 PRIZE GIVING**

This important event takes place on Friday 31 January at 10:00 for 10h30 in the CM Girvin Multipurpose Centre. At this event awards will be made to those students who came top of each of the four grades in 2024 and students who achieved in the sporting, cultural and service arenas in 2024. It is compulsory for all grade 8-11 learners to attend. An invitation to parents can be found at the end of this circular. The grade 12 learners may have the day off to study, and with the exception of the prize winners and SLT, will not be required to attend school on 31 January 2025.

### **POLICIES**

As usual at the beginning of a new year, I would like to remind you of the following school policies:

#### 1. SICK ROOM

Only learners who have been injured or who are clearly extremely ill are allowed into the sick room. Learners who feel unwell during the day report this to their grade controller – the grade controller lets the front office know and they will contact parents/guardians. Unless obviously very ill, learners will wait in the classroom for parents/ guardians to collect them at the office. **LEARNERS MAY NOT PHONE PARENTS DIRECTLY.**

#### 2. NOTEBOOK/ ID PHOTOGRAPH

These are combined. The ID photograph is stuck into the front of the Notebook and is produced in-house. 2025 Notebooks will be distributed this week. The first Notebook is free, but replacements have to be paid for. The cost is R20 for a new photo and R20 for a book.

#### 3. EXEATS

Except for obvious emergencies, exeats can only be issued by Grade Controllers. The secretarial staff do not issue exeats for dental appointments, learners’ licence

appointments and the like. A note to the Grade Controller is required – s/he will issue the exeat which is handed in to the front office when the learner leaves the school.

#### 4. DELIVERIES

Need to be made to the reception. We will make every effort to get items to your child.

#### 5. PHYSICAL EDUCATION

This is part of the Life Orientation programme, and the policies and procedures are laid down by the Department of Education. A copy of the policy may also be viewed on the D6 CONNECT under Resources in the Life Orientation category.

### **UNIFORM ISSUES**

Our learners are our most important advert. One of the most overt ways in which they demonstrate their pride in their school is the way they wear its uniform, both here at school and when they are in the community. People often judge our school by what our learners do and/or look like when they are wearing their uniform. I would appeal to parents to ensure that their children leave home or alight from the car at school in the morning correctly dressed. I would also ask that you ensure that they are neatly dressed when they are out in the community.

#### 1. TROUSERS FOR GIRLS

The School Governing Body have approved the addition of girls' trousers into our school uniform, with immediate effect. The approved trousers/slacks are navy blue and are available to purchase from the Uniform shop.

#### 2. BLAZERS

Blazers are not compulsory in the first and fourth terms. However, if it is cold and learners will be walking about in public after school hours, they may only wear a blazer or shirt sleeves. Jerseys may not be worn outside of school property unless they are worn underneath the blazer. Please can parents assist us by ensuring that your children are properly dressed if they are with you in the public arena.

#### 3. HAIR

**GIRLS** Hair regulations are as follows:

- i) Hair must be clear of the face.
- ii) If long, hair should be tied back or plaited/braided.
- iii) Fringes must be above the eyebrows.
- iv) Only plain, functional accessories may be worn, and they must be in school colours or clear. The sole purpose of these accessories is to ensure that hair is

neat, tied back and complies with rules 2.10 (i) and (ii). They are not for decoration.

- v) Only extensions of a natural colour will be allowed.
- vi) Only naturally coloured hair will be permitted. No obvious colouring will be allowed. If hair is of more than one colour, additional colours must still be natural.
- vii) Deviations from these regulations may be permitted for certain events, e.g. the Matric Dance. However, this will be for a limited period only and the conditions under which these deviations are permitted will be made very clear to parents and/or guardians and learners.
- viii) Disputes relating to hair styles will be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the Departmental Heads in charge of boys' and girls' hair, other identified members of staff, and two members of the RCL (one male and one female).

## BOYS

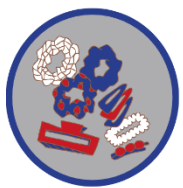
- i) Hair must be neat and well-groomed at all times. There should be no extremes of style.
- ii) All boys are to be clean shaven. Sideburns may not extend beyond the middle-ear.



## HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

### Girls' Uniform Rules - Hair

- 1** Long/ loose hair that touches the collar must be tied back/plaited or braided. Hair needs to be clear of the face with no loose strands hanging in or around the face.



- 2** Hair accessories used to tie-up or hold back hair must be in school colours (navy blue, red or white) or of your natural hair colour.

- 3** Only natural coloured hair colour is permitted - No obvious colouring. No bleaching or tinting.



- 4** Fringes to be above the eyebrows. No patterns or lines to be shaved into eyebrows.

- 5** Extensions need to be in YOUR natural hair colour. No "steps" beads or extra's in hair.



## HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

### Boys' Uniform Rules - Hair

- 1** Hair may not touch collar or be draped over ears. Sideburns must not pass mid-ear.



- 2** No extreme styles, comb overs, long pasted down strands (in any direction). No "steps", patterns, gelled or combed spikes.

- 3** Only natural coloured hair colour is permitted - No obvious colouring. No bleaching or tinting.



- 4** Fringes to be above the eyebrows. No patterns or lines to be shaved into eyebrows.

- 5** Face must be clean shaven - no beards or moustaches or long sideburns.



## **EXTRA-MURAL COMMITMENT**

Every learner in the school is required to participate in at least two activities. The term calendar will be sent out shortly. It details all this term's activities as well as giving details of practice days and kit required.

## **THEME 2025**

### **DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE!**

“DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE” encapsulates the journey of turning aspirations into reality.

As we embark on this new year, let us encourage each other to embrace our dreams with open hearts and minds, having the courage to imagine a future filled with possibilities.

Believing in ourselves and our potential is the next crucial step; it builds our determination and resilience, allowing us to overcome challenges and setbacks.

Finally, through hard work, perseverance, and a positive mindset, we can achieve our goals, no matter how ambitious they may seem. This theme encourages us to dream big, believe in our abilities, and strive for excellence in all our endeavours, creating a vibrant and inspiring school community.

## **PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Hillcrest High School covers all learners for Personal Accident through Bay Union Financial Services.

Please find the Learner Insurance Information document on our D6. The document includes a summary of benefits, frequently asked questions, claims procedure & disclosure notices. To obtain a claim form, please email [businessmanager@hhs.co.za](mailto:businessmanager@hhs.co.za) or request from the school reception.

## **HHS IS A CASHLESS SCHOOL**

To protect the safety of our staff and your children, HHS continues to strive to become a cashless school.

To eliminate cash transactions at HHS, only the following payment options will be available:

- EFT payments
- Debit order payments
- Karri App payments (school fees are not payable via Karri)

Thanking you, in advance, for your understanding & support in assisting us with the transition to become cashless.

## HONESTY

There are several types of behaviour that we like to encourage here at Hillcrest High. One of these is honesty and it is my pleasure to acknowledge, in my circulars, learners who have demonstrated this laudable quality by handing in items that they have found.

### **Nkanyezi Ngcobo 11 LZ – handed in money**

Well done and thank you.

## IN CONCLUSION

Finally, a reminder that all communication from the school (including circulars, term calendars and control test and examination timetables) is electronic (via the D6 Communicator, emails from our Front Office, as well as grade WhatsApp groups) unless you have specifically requested hard copies of documents. Please inform the Front Office if you would like to receive hard copies of communications from the school.

I wish all members of the school community a happy and successful 2025.

Yours faithfully

**D.P. KNIGHT**

Principal



PRINCIPAL, MRS DENISE KNIGHT  
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SGB  
MR BYRON CREED WOULD LIKE TO  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE

## JUNIOR SPEECH DAY

**31**  
JANUARY

10:00 FOR 10:30  
CM GIRVIN MPC

GUEST SPEAKER

**RETHABILE OLIPHANT**

COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST  
AND HHS PAST PUPIL



