



# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 2/ 2025 – 19 FEBRUARY 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,

Although it has been exceptionally busy, I am pleased to report that this year has got off to very good start. We have over 1200 learners for the first time in the history of the school and a total staff complement of 100. I sincerely hope that all our new learners and new staff members have settled in and are starting to feel like this is home.

## **AWARDS**

In the first assembly this year, Academic awards were handed out for Grade 8 – 11 learners from 2024, and these were acknowledged in the first circular. It is with deep regret that there was an error in the calculation of Grade 11 marks and as a result, Chloe Marais was not awarded the correct award. So it is with great pleasure that we congratulate Chloe Marais on achieving Honours for Academics in 2024.

## **ACHIEVERS**

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have been selected for the PADSSA team to participate in the upcoming KZN swimming trials on 23 and 24 February at the Rachel Finlayson Swimming Pool:

- Keira Duncan
- Sienna Kidgell
- Liv van den Heever
- Annabelle van Heerden
- Kayla Jade van Heerden
- Ludick Erasmus
- Heinrich Freitag
- Jamey Grobbelaar
- Lincoln Hopper
- Cuan Le Roux
- Bradley Leppan.

Congratulations to all of the swimmers who competed in our annual **Championship and Primary School Gala** on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, and to the following learners who won their age group categories or events:

### **AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS:**

U14 GIRLS: Sienna Kidgell  
U14 BOYS: Wian Erasmus  
U15 GIRLS: Annabelle van Heerden  
U15 BOYS: Bradley Leppan.  
U16 GIRLS: Rebekah Nel  
U16 BOYS: Ludick Erasmus  
U17 GIRLS: Kayla Jade van Heerden  
U17 BOYS: Heinrich Freitag  
U19 GIRLS: Emma Atkinson  
U19 BOYS: Cuan Le Roux

**JUNIOR VICTRIX LUDORUM - Manson Family Trophy:** Sienna Kidgell and Annabelle van Heerden

**JUNIOR VICTOR LUDORUM - Selfridge Trophy:** Wian Erasmus

**100m FREESTYLE GIRLS - Coull Trophy:** Keira Duncan

**100m FREESTYLE BOYS - Debra Webb Trophy:** Cuan Le Roux

**100m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY BOYS - Grant Lloyd Trophy:** Cuan Le Roux

**100m INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY GIRLS - Jacqui von Loggerenberg:** Keira Duncan.

**VICTRIX LUDORUM - Ciara Butt Trophy:** Emma Atkinson.

**VICTOR LUDORUM - Bresler Trophy:** Cuan Le Roux

Thank you to our parents and staff who supported the event and the primary school teams that participated. Congratulations to Hillcrest Primary School who were **THE KINGFISHER PRIMARY SCHOOL CHAMPIONS**.

## PROGRESS AWARDS

Every year we acknowledge our learners who have improved academically throughout the year by comparing their position in the grade from the end of the previous year (2023) to the end of last year (2024). It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the following learners for progressing by 30 or more positions in one year.

### Grade 8 learners (2024) who moved more than 30 positions from Term 1 to Term 4:

CEBEKHULU ZIBUSISO	60
BOTHA LEAH	48
NGCOBO LUNGELO	42
MANNING TAMIA	41
MBANJWA LIHLE	37
DIMBA YIKHOKONKE	37
MAKHANYA THABANG	37
KNOESEN PATTON	36
MZIZI SIBUSISO	35
NOSILELA ANGEL	34
SMEDA RICHARD	34
XIMBA AYABONGA	33
BRITS CHARL	33

### Gr 9 learners (2024) who moved 30 or more positions from the end of Grade 8 (2023):

MHLONGO OSPHILE	122
KUFAKUNESU ESNATH	85
LUTHULI ABONGWE	85
DE WET JOSHUA-JAMES	83
HLENGWA VUYISWA	83
DUNCAN JEMA-LEE	78
DLAMINI MPILO	77
NICHOLLS TRENT	77
HOWES JORDAN	76
MCOBOTHU MPILO	68
ABRAMS TEKOA	64
SANDERS DAKOTA	63
SIBISI KHWEZI	63
CLARK KINGSTON	61
MARKWELL LEON	61
SEBITLOANE KAGISO	60
GROBBELAAR JAMEY	58
SCHEEPERS NATHAN	58
KARRIEM JORDAN	57
BROWN PIYA	56
SHANGE BANELE	56
ENSLIN KATELYN	52
PHEWA ALWANDE	52
VAN ROOYEN TAUREN	49

MAZIBUKO ASANDA	48
MZOBE LUTHANDO	46
CHETTY PEYANKA	45
MARINDA ROPAFADZO	45
MHLONGO LWANDLOLUHLE	44
NEL AYDEN	44
BUTHELEZI NKOSINOTHANDO	43
ZWANE SIBAHLE	43
SHEZI MELOKUHLE	42
SINCLAIR KAYLYN	41
THOMPSON CALI	41
CLEGG MICHAELA	40
HISCOCK JAMIE-LEE	39
MAPOTSE SIBUSISO	37
DONALDSON OLIVIA	36
MOTAUNG PHILASANDE	36
NHATAVE NOLWANDLE	34
SHONIWA TANISHA	33
ZUNGU SINABOBONKE	33
TEMBE SABELO	31
ERASMUS LUDICK	30

**Gr 10 learners (2024) who moved 30 or more positions from the end of Grade 9 (2023):**

SEARRA PAXTON	91
THOMAS HAVANNA	88
JOHANSSON MACAYELA	71
RAMATSILISO KATISO	71
MBATHA LUTHANDO	67
ELS CIAN	63
MOSTERT SIMPHIWE	59
BHENGU SLONDIWE	53
NGIDI KWETHEMBA	50
EGAN AIDAN	49
VAN DER MERWE DEMI	49
GLAUSER KEAGAN	47
FREEMAN CAMERON	46
MTHEMBU MPILENHLE	46
NGCOBO NKAZIMULO	45
ZUNGU UNATHI	44
ZWANE ZEKHETHELO	42
MHLONGO SAMKELISIWE	41
HLAMBISA SPHESIHLE	40
SINDHI JUWAIRIYYAH	39
ERASMUS LIAM	38
GUMEDE NKULULEKO	38
MSANI MASIBONGE	36
CELE NTUTHUKO	35

MKHIZE SINALITHEMBA	33
LUTHULI NHLANHLA	30

**Gr 11 learners (2024) who moved 30 or more positions from the end of Grade 10 (2023):**

MOODLEY MATTEO	107
NGCOBO AMAHLE	86
DUBE ALLEN	65
SINGH SANJLI	63
SCOTT TAITUM	61
LUTHULI LWANDISO	52
CELE APHIWE	51
SISHI THANDOLWETHU	51
NGWANE ASANELE	47
NTOMBELA BAYANDA	46
NYATHIKAZI ANDISWA	45
JALI LETHUKUTHULA	43
JENKINSON KAYLA	43
MOLOI TSEPO	42
STRYDOM JADEN	42
NGIDI OBEDINGWA	39
SCHWARZ MAX	38
MABASO SANDI	37
RAMHURRACK NIDHI	37
SATYAPREYA CAMDEN	37
COUTTS JESSICA	36
NEL KARA	36
TAILALL XANDER	35
MAJOZI APHIWE	33
MABUZA SIPHOSETHU	33
SHANDU ASANDA	32
CHINODAKUFA TANAKA	31
MADIKIZELA ANDILE	31
NGOBESE SISANDA	30
SCHWARZ CARLA	30

**PRIZE GIVING**

On Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> January we had our annual Junior Prize Giving where we take the opportunity to recognise and congratulate our achievers who were in Grade 8 to Grade 11 in 2024. This year our guest speaker was Rethabile Oliphant, a past pupil and a Psychologist and Counsellor. He captivated the audience's attention from the start and had a very positive message for the learners. These prize giving events are such wonderful opportunities for our learners to be educated holistically, and to get such thought-provoking advice from past pupils who so recently were seated where our learners are today. I hope that many of them were able to take something away from this talk.

**Congratulations to the winners of the following prizes:**

**SPORTS' AWARDS**

Pacer Training Trophy (Most Promising Junior Sportswoman)  
 Kingsmead Direct Trophy (Most Promising Junior Sportsman)  
 Walsh Trophy (Best Junior Sportswoman)  
 Sterrett Trophy (Best Junior Sportsman)

Kellan Boynton  
 Luthando Blose  
 Isabella Momoh  
 Tasriq Wingrove

## CULTURAL AWARDS

Most Promising Grade 9 Artist

Hawkins Trophy (Most Promising Grade 10 Artist)

Most Promising Grade 10 Performer

Kaitlyn Steyn

Lubanzi Maluleka

Nkazimulo Ngcobo

## SERVICE AWARDS

Les Moffatt Trophy (For Outstanding Junior Service)

Zenathi Mkhwanazi

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Mop Cap Award (Excellence in Grade 11 Consumer Studies)

The Howard Cup (Excellence in Grade 11 English)

UKZN Outstanding Achievement Award

(For Grade 11 Physical Science and Mathematics)

Kloof Conservancy Award (Top Grade 11 Life Sciences Student)

The Steytler Williams Endeavour Award

Laura Atkinson Shield (The pursuit of Excellence : Juniors)

Hannah King

Ethan Ainhirn

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Jamie-Lee Hiscock

Brielle Pillay

Thingo Dlamini

## ACADEMIC PRIZE WINNERS 2024

### GRADE 8

1<sup>st</sup> Terania Govender

2<sup>nd</sup> Owethu Mkhize

3<sup>rd</sup> Khwezi Mnyandu

Progress Zibusiso Cebekhulu

### GRADE 9

1<sup>st</sup> Luke Whittle

2<sup>nd</sup> Isabella Te Brugge

3<sup>rd</sup> Owumusa Dlamini

Progress Osiphile Mhlongo

### GRADE 10

1<sup>st</sup> Brielle Pillay

2<sup>nd</sup> Amber-Lynn Jones

3<sup>rd</sup> Hannah Greffrath

Progress Paxton Searra

### GRADE 11

1<sup>st</sup> Hannah King

2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan Ainhirn

3<sup>rd</sup> Micaella Hunter

Progress Matteo Moodley

## 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. Well done and thank you to:

- **Alondiwe Sibisi 9TN** – handed in a cell phone
- **Sphamandla Shabalala 11MB** – handed in a cell phone
- **Kenzie Stevenson 8LF** – handed in a cell phone.

## **SMART WATCHES**

Please be advised that smart watches will also be confiscated if a learner is caught using it for any other function besides telling the time. It may not be used to send or receive messages etc during the school day. As per the Department of Education rules, smart watches may NOT be worn during any formal assessment either.

## **D6+**

Previously the D6 was only used as a communication tool, however now at the beginning of the year we moved over to the new administration management system called D6+. Predictably there have been some teething problems but over all this has been very successful and we are very pleased with the new programme. With the D6+ all administrative functions are now managed electronically and this database is live, which means entries can be seen and monitored immediately.

The biggest challenge that we have experienced so far is with our attendance registers and our registration process in the mornings. If a learner is late for school, they will initially be captured on the system as 'absent.' However, once they arrive one of the admin staff will update the records to reflect as 'late'. Similarly, a learner who misses registration for a valid reason and is marked 'absent', and this will be adjusted within the morning.

If you are noticing that your child is often late even though you have dropped them off in time for school, please can you assist us by talking to them about punctuality and obeying the rules. If you are looking at the D6 during the day and see incorrect information, please be aware that it may still need to be updated, so it is advisable to check again a little later.

However, if you are concerned about the whereabouts of your child, you are welcome to telephone the school, and the Receptionist will happily check for you. Similarly, should you notice that any of your personal information has been captured incorrectly please email [admin@hhs.co.za](mailto:admin@hhs.co.za) with the correct details.

## **BOOK LEVY**

At HHS we have a compulsory Book Levy of R80 per year. This levy covers the cost of repairing and replacing textbooks where needed and ensures that parents are not required to purchase all the necessary textbooks required each year. Part of this levy is also allocated to your child for Papercut, a system that allows learners to print or copy documents at the school. Please can I ask that those parents/guardians who have not yet paid this levy, do so urgently. This payment can be done via the Karri App or via EFT to the school. If necessary, it can be paid in cash to the cashier, however we do prefer to not have large sums of cash on school premises for the safety of all.

## **IN CONCLUSION**

I would like to close by thanking you as parents and guardians for your ongoing support of the school, and especially to those parents/guardians who get behind our learners by attending sporting or school events. It is essential that we have your support to enable your child/children to thrive and become the best they can be academically, culturally, socially and in sport.

**Yours faithfully**

**D.P. KNIGHT**  
**Principal**

