



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 3/ 2025 – 14 MARCH 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 trust that this circular finds all our families safe at this dreadful time of inclement weather, flooding and destruction. I have closed the school today not because the school is damaged, but to accommodate all our learners and their families who have been affected by the weather at this time. I understand that this can be very inconvenient for some, but I appreciate all the support and understanding that our school community has shown. God willing, we will be back to normal on Monday. The only change to the schedule for the rest of the term is that we will run Day 1 on Monday so that all the assessments and lessons planned for today, will simply move to Monday. We will continue our cycle with day 2 on Tuesday etc.

ACHIEVERS

Provincial Swimming Trials took place at Rachel Finlayson Pool on Sunday 23rd and Monday 24th of February. HHS Swimmers swam exceptionally well, and Mr White is very proud of their results. Some noteworthy performances were:

- Cuan Le Roux (Men 17 - 18): 1st - 100m Backstroke, 1st - 200m Backstroke, 1st - 50m Backstroke
- Keira Duncan (Women 17 - 18): 1st - 100m Backstroke, 3rd - 50m Butterfly, 2nd - 200m Backstroke
- Lincoln Hopper (Men 15 years) - 3rd - 100m Butterfly
- Annabelle van Heerden (Women 15 years) - 3rd - 100m Butterfly
- Bradley Leppan (14 - 15 Years) - 1st - 400m Freestyle

The KZN Biathlon Championships took place on 16 February:

- Rebekah Nel came 6th in the u17 Category,
- Bradley Leppan 2nd and Ludick Erasmus 3rd in the u17 Category
- Emma Atkinson 1st in the u19 Category.

The following athletes have been selected to represent KZN at SA Championships, to be held in Oudtshoorn on 21 and 22 March:

- Bradley Leppan,
- Ludick Erasmus,
- Rebekah Nel,
- Annabelle van Heerden,
- Kayla Jade van Heerden,
- Emma Atkinson
- Mr. White (Manager).

The following swimmers have been selected for the KZN Swimming Team to participate in the SA Schools Swimming Championships from the 5 – 7 April 2025 in Bloemfontein:

- Keira Duncan
- Cuan Le Roux
- Mr White (Manager).

The following boys have been selected for the PADSSA hockey teams who will participate in the Inter-District Tournament on Sunday 16 March at Northwood:

- Asande Ngobese – U18A
- Brendon Smith – U18B.

The following learners have been selected to represent the following SA Touch Rugby Invitational U21 Ladies Team to participate in the South African Touch Rugby Senior National Tournament in Pretoria from 26 to 28 April 2025.

- Kayden Carson
- Macayela Johansson
- Grace Humphreys
- Thingo Dlamini
- Keira Du Plessis
- Piya Brown
- Kayla Manning
- Megan Maher

Congratulations to all our achievers. We are very proud of you and wish you all well.

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.

- S'nalo Goba 11SR (14039) handed in a smart watch that was in the toilets.
- Callum Stieger (10CM) handed in money
- Alondwe Sibisi (9TN) handed in a cell phone
- Kenzie Stevenson (8LF) handed in cell phone
- Sphamandla Shabalala handed in a B4S lanyard
- Inathi Mnyali (8SO) handed in money
- Osaze Mhlongo (8MM), Quade Viera (8AB) and Jethro Le Roux (8MM) handed in money.

Well done and thank you.

D6+

Please can I ask that all parents and guardians' login to their Parent Portal on the d6 App and check that their contact details, address details and personal information is correct. To do this, please follow the steps below:

- Open your d6 App.
- Click Portal on bottom right-hand corner (Graduate Hat)
- Click School Profiles
- Click on Hillcrest High School (Your Name)
- Click on Contact Details
- Update any incorrect information
- Check that your cell phone number is correct
- Check that your email address is correct
- Add in missing details for your physical and postal addresses
- Make any changes required
- Click Update Information

CONJUNCTIVITIS

Many of our learners have contracted conjunctivitis (pink-eye) and this is highly contagious. Please do not send your child to school if they have been infected but keep them home until it has cleared up. Missed assessments will be caught up when they return to school. Please also encourage your children to sanitise or wash their hands as often as possible and avoid sharing their equipment so that they do not spread this any more than necessary.

END OF TERM PROCEDURE

The final day of school for term 1 is Friday 28th March. If all goes according to plan, we will be sending the term 1 reports home with the learners on that day, so please ensure that your child hands this very important document to you on the day.

Due to the closing of school for today, 14 March 2025 we are expected to make up the lost teaching time. We will therefore be running a normal school day on Friday 28 March 2025, closing at 13h25. Our Awards Assembly which is traditionally held on the last day of the term will still take place, but it will happen during the scheduled Assembly slot on a Friday morning.

We have found that absenteeism is significantly higher on a break-up day, presumably because it is a short day with only a few lessons. I would like to appeal to all parents to please ensure your children are at school on this break-up day since the express reason for having a full day is to make up lost teaching time.

IN CONCLUSION

Now that our summer sports are drawing to a close, and the temperatures are starting to drop slightly, we can look forward to the start of our winter sporting season which promises to be another exciting and busy season. We have enjoyed seeing so many parents supporting their children on the sides of the pool, courts and fields this term, and look forward to seeing many more parents on the sides in the new season. Unfortunately, we have had to cancel all our sporting fixtures for this weekend. Our thoughts and prayers are that all our families remain safe over this weekend.

Yours faithfully

**D.P. KNIGHT
Principal**

