



# HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 10 / 2025 –17 SEPTEMBER 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 Guardian,

Historically Term 3 has always been referred to by educators as the quiet term, but that is definitely no longer the case. I think that even the learners would agree that it has been a very busy term with lots of academic work to be covered and tested, a full field of sporting fixtures every weekend, and a lot of cultural activities taking place as well. The RCL have kept the learners busy with the Spring Fling and now Heritage Evening coming up next week.

We have had the Grade 12's celebrating their final school days, and we have supported the Springboks with a Springbok accessories day. All these functions have made school fun and exciting but also tiring and I think the public holiday for Heritage Day next Wednesday is going to be a well-earned rest day.

The Grade 12 learners are well into the Trial Examinations now and I hope that it is going well for them, and that their results will reflect the hard work and dedication that has been put in by the educators and the learners.

## **ACHIEVERS**

### **ATHLETICS**



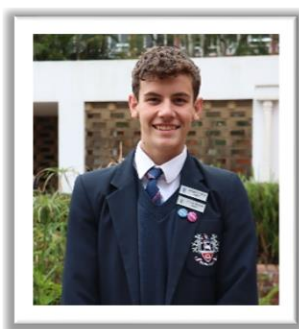
Thabiso Malembe, Annabelle van Heerden, and Kayla-Jade were selected for the North Durban Athletics Team to compete at the KZN Trials held at the Msunduzi Stadium in Pietermaritzburg at the end of August.

Annabelle and Thabiso were selected to represent the Kwazulu-Natal Christian School Sports Association at the SACSSA National Athletics Championships which will take place at the end of September 2025.

Thabiso Malembe also participated at the recent KZN Christian Schools Sports Association Athletics where he received Gold medals for the following events:

- High Jump
- Long Jump
- 800m.

## BIATHLON/ TRIATHLON



We received notification from the KZN Modern Pentathlon Association congratulating Bradley Leppan who has been selected to represent KwaZulu-Natal at the South African Biathle and Triathle Championships, which will be held in Nelspruit from 3–5 October 2025.

## CHESS



I would like to congratulate our Chess Team on continuing our excellent achievements in the league and also for your commitment and dedication to Chess. For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, under the guidance of Mrs Gomes, our chess team has won the 2025 PADSSA LEAGUE. Out of a total possible score of 72 the results were:

Position	SCHOOL	POINTS
1	HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL	58.5
2	KLOOF HIGH SCHOOL	58
3	STAR COLLEGE	52.5
4	KEARSNEY COLLEGE	40
5	THOMAS MORE COLLEGE	36
6	WERDA	28
7	QUEENSBURGH GIRLS HIGH	23
8	PINETOWN GIRLS HIGH	22
9	GELOFTE	21
10	PINETOWN BOYS' HIGH SCHOOL - (did not play all the games = forfeits)	8

## **CRICKET**

The following learners have been selected for the final round of cricket trials taking place on the 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September and 19<sup>th</sup> October.

### **U15**

Keagan Compton-James  
Stephen Munro

### **U16**

Stefan Chetty

### **U17/U19**

Tasriq Wingrove  
Paul Momoh

## **CERTIFICATE OF MERIT**

Congratulations to Ella Saunders and Amy Neveling of receiving Certificates of Merit for having a positive impact on the school environment.

## **DANCE**

Thingo Dlamini and Sophy Dalton have both qualified to compete in the National Dance Competition in October in Cape Town. Both recently competed in the MOVE National Dance competition. There are only three dancers in each category that qualify to go to nationals in the whole of KwaZulu-Natal, so a huge congratulations to both of these young ladies.

Thingo achieved Gold Status Qualifying for Nationals in the Contemporary Solo, the Musical Theatre Solo, the Contemporary Duet and the Ballet Quartet categories. She placed 1<sup>st</sup> in KZN for the Ballet Quartet and 3<sup>rd</sup> in KZN for the Contemporary Duet. Sophy achieved Gold in the Lip Sync Solo Category, Musical Theatre, and a Bronze in the Classical Ballet Solo Category.

## **2. PROVINCIAL SASOL SKILLS COMPETITION**

Our Engineering, Graphics and Design learners and staff members, Mrs Telise Tonkin and Mr Andrew Burger, recently competed in the Pinetown district level of the Sasol Kagiso Skills Competition held at Kloof High School. Learners and Educators competed in their relevant categories and were given 1.5 hours to complete two drawings – either on board or on Computer Aided Design (CAD).



Grade 11 learners Sebastian Smith and Jared Andre competed on behalf of the school, with Sebastian achieving 83% in the “Student on

Board” category and Jared placing 1st in the “Student on CAD” category. Mr Burger, competing in the “Educator on CAD” category and Mrs Tonkin in the “Educator on Board” category BOTH placed 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr Burger, Mrs Tonkin and Jaryd went to compete in the Provincial Skills Competition held at George Campbell High School. Despite the gruelling standards of the test, which was above the normal standards, and fierce competitors (including the EGD National Examiner!) our team excelled! We are thrilled to announce that all three made it through and will be competing in the National round in Johannesburg in October.

### 3. SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Another resounding success, the school production cast showcased the excellent dramatic and dance skills, as well as the audio visual, choreography, dedication and commitment of our learners. Audiences were treated to a night of fits of laughter as the cast presented their play-within-in-a-play, “Lights, Camera, Panic!” The show was well attended, and we extend our congratulations to Mrs MacDonald, Mr Bartholemew, Mr Silochan (who also had a cameo role in the show), past pupil and choreographer Kaelyn Stainer, the student teachers, cast, backstage and AV Club members for a fantastic performance.



### 4. SPEECH NIGHT

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL  
**SENIOR SPEECH NIGHT**  
Hillcrest High School Principal, Mrs Denise Knight and Chairman of the SGB, Mr Byron Creed would like to cordially invite you to join us as we celebrate our **2025 Academic Achievers.**  
📅 16 October 2025  
🕒 7 - 9 PM  
📍 HHS Hall  
**PLEASE NOTE:** This event is compulsory for Grade 11 and 12 learners - in full school uniform, including blazer.  
Guest Speaker: Mr Peter Herweg MBA, Motivational Speaker & Rotarian  
📧 reception@hhs.co.za 📞 031 765 1215

On Thursday evening, 16th October we will be having the Senior Speech Night and Prize Giving Ceremony. This is our most prestigious event of the year as we take the opportunity to honour our top achievers in Grade 12, as well as to acknowledge all the hard work and dedication that goes into everything that makes Hillcrest High School what it is.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our parents, as well as several special guests and it promises to be a spectacular event.

It is compulsory for the Grade 11 and Grade 12 learners to attend, and I know that their exemplary behaviour and immaculate presentation will make us proud.

## 5. UPCOMING EVENTS

The other important events that are coming up, all of which will be held in the school Hall, include:

- The **Sports and Cultural Awards Evening** on 30 September 2025. Invitations to this will be going out shortly.
- The **Visual Arts and Drama Supper Theatre** on 1 October 2025. More information to be shared later this week.
- The **Grade 12 Valedictory Assembly** on the 17th of October. All Grade 12 parents are invited, and there will be refreshments available before the event begins at 07h45. This Assembly will be followed by the ringing of the school bell, to signify the end of school for the class of 2025.

## 6. SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

A parent member of the SGB has had to step down with immediate effect. The SGB is required to always have a full complement of members and as such we will need to have a BY-ELECTION to elect another member to the committee. If there are any parents who would be interested in joining the committee, please contact myself or Mr B. Creed (SGB Chairman) (creedb@hhs.co.za) for more information or for any queries. Nomination forms are available on request at the school reception.

The by-election will take place on the 20 October at 17h30 (5:30pm) in the school Hall. We encourage parents to attend this meeting as it will give you the opportunity to meet the members of the SGB. We do need a quorum of 15% for the election to proceed, should this not be reached, we will postpone the election to the same time on Wednesday, 5 November.

## 7. END OF TERM PROGRAMME

Thursday, 2 October is the last day of the Trial Examinations and is also the day we write all the English Paper 3 examinations. Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October is a compulsory school day (although shortened) for the Grade 12's as it will be the only opportunity they will have to check their examination scripts. There will also be a very important meeting with the Grade 12 learners in which Mrs Edy and I will address them on the rules and regulations for the Final NSC Exams and important paperwork due for completion. School will close at 10h15 for Gr 8 – 11 and at 10h30 for the Grade 12 learners.

## **BREAK UP DAY – 3 OCTOBER 2025**

### **DAY 3**

7h30 REGISTRATION

7h40 PERIOD 1

8h00 PERIOD 2

8h20 PERIOD 3

8h40 PERIOD 4

9h00 PERIOD 5

9h20 PERIOD 6

9h40 PERIOD 7

10h00 REGISTRATION (Gr8 – 11)

10h00 GRADE 12 NSC Examination Information Meeting - HALL

### **IN CONCLUSION**

School reopens on Monday 13 October. All the reports will be ready by 20 October 2025. The grade 8 – 11 reports will be handed out to the learners in registration for them to take home. However, the Grade 12 reports must be collected from the school by the parent or guardian. This report is the very last report Grade 12's will ever receive, and this is why it goes directly to the parent or guardian. Final details of when the reports may be collected will be communicated to you closer to the time.

**Yours faithfully,**



**Mrs D. P. Knight**  
**Principal**