



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

Achievers 2025

In this booklet we highlight the achievements of individuals and teams across the five pillars of Hillcrest High School – **Academics, Culture, Sports, Service and Leadership**. Our theme for 2025 is **Dream. Believe. Achieve.**

SPORTS TOURNAMENTS

GELOFTE NIGHT SERIES

1st Netball – Silver Medals

1st Rugby – Bronze Medals

PSG SUPER 8'S TOURNAMENT

The following team won their division:

1st Netball

D&D CO-ED 'A' LEAGUE GALA

Hillcrest High School – 3rd. Top public school in the A league.

TOUCH RUGBY ELITE LEAGUE DIVISION

The 1st Boys Touch Rugby Team won the Elite League Division for the 9th year in a row.

THE FOLLOWING LEARNERS ARE TO BE COMMENDED ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS:

ACTION NETBALL

Michaela Clegg - KZN U17 (2026)

ATHLETICS

Annabelle van Heerden - KZNCSSA

Kayla-Jade van Heerden – KZNCSSA

Thabiso Malembe – KZNCSSA and SACSSA

BADMINTON

Ndalentle Mnguni – KZN U15D

Roman Giorko – KZN U15A & SA U15

Jeriah Govender – KZN U17A & KZN U19B

Isabella Te Brugge – KZN U19B

Adam Foulkes – KZN U19C

Teagan Baxter – KZN U17B

Nathan Patrick – KZN U17B & KZN U19C

Faith William – KZN U19C

Lwandle Vukeka – KZN U19C

Ropafadzo Marinda – KZN U19C

Banele Khuboni – KZN U19D

Jordan Karriem – KZN U19D

Brightness Ngcobo – KZN U19D

BIATHLE / TRIATHLE

Bradley Leppan – KZN Team

Bradley has also qualified for the World Championships in Cape Town in December 2025.

CHESS

Our Chess team won the PADSSA League for the 10th year in a row and 12th overall.

Juan-Diego Naidoo – KZN Team

Dejuan Govender – KZN Team

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Jade Gericke has completed over 127 hours of community service, aside from her service club activities at the school.

CRICKET

Stephen Munro - U15 KZN Main Trials

Keegan Compton-James - U15 KZN Main Trials

Stefan Chetty - U16 KZN Main Trials

Tasriq Wingrove – U17 KZN Main Trials

Paul Momoh – U17 KZN Main Trials

Mr Marillier – KZN U17 Manager

CYCLING

Taygen Oberholzer participated in the Amashova 65km Half Challenge race on Sunday 19 July. She finished 3rd in her seeded category, U17 age group. She was the 24th female rider overall out of 113 people that started. She was 118th in the mixed category overall out of 519 people who started.

DANCING

Luyanda Hlophe participated in the Move Dance Competition where she qualified for Nationals which takes place from the 1st October in Cape Town.

She placed in Gold Status for Contemporary, Ballet and Musical Theatre and Silver for both Hip-Hop Dances.

Thingo Dlamini competed in the recent MOVE National Dance Competition over the past weekend where she achieved the following certificates and results.

Contemporary Solo – Gold Status Qualifying Nationals

Musical Theatre Solo - Gold Status Qualifying Nationals

Contemporary Duet - Gold Status Qualifying Nationals – 3rd in KZN

Ballet Quartet - Gold Status Qualifying Nationals – 1st in KZN

DEBATING

Endinako Magafela and Lubanzi Maluleka were selected to participate in the National Individual Debating & Public Speaking Championship (NIDPSC), held at St Mary's Waverley in Johannesburg from 6 – 9 August.

Ryggill Trophy for Public Speaking: Endinako Magafela

Dedication and Commitment Certificate: Junior - Lesedi Mokheseng

Elizabeth Snyman Trophy for the Top Junior Speaker: Makayla Torchia

DRUMMIES

Asanda Mazibuko travelled to Klerksdorp for the national Championship during the holidays. KZN senior placed third in South Africa. Throughout the gruelling training process as well as in Klerksdorp, Asanda maintained grace, integrity and good sportsmanship. Not only did Asanda represent Hillcrest High on the podium, she also represented her team and province on the Athletes Board of KZN as well as part of the South African National Team.

Asanda's talent, determination and strength can all be credited for her success within KZN. At the FDDCMKZN provincial final, she placed second in the senior mace solo category and remains the undefeated senior pom solo champion of KZN.

ECO-SCHOOLS CLUB

Hillcrest High School is the proud recipient of the Eco-School's Platinum-1 Award for 2024, awarded by WESSA for the school's diligence in working towards a healthy environment at the school. WESSA, the Wildlife and Environment Society of South Africa, is a Non-Profit Organisation made up of People Caring for the Earth. The HHS Eco-Schools Club is involved in various recycling projects and has implemented several eco-friendly initiatives at the school, including a food garden, tags for wheelchairs and bottle top collections.

EQUESTRIAN

Kingsley Matthews was awarded the 95cm KZN eventing runner up for 2024.

Eskom Expo for Young Scientists – KZN Central Region

Saiusha Viraragavan excelled at the Eskom Expo and was selected to go through to Nationals where she won Silver.

In the Regional competition she won Gold in the Social Science – Education Studies category, the Eskom Award (Best Female), Best in Category – Social Science and Overall Best Performing Learner (Secondary School Level).

The following learners also achieved exceptionally well:

- Owomusa Dlamini (Social Sciences – Education Studies) - Silver Pin
- Jorja Pretorius (Plant Sciences) - Bronze Pin
- Ameera Bham (Environmental Studies – Sustainability) - Bronze Pin
- Phelisa Hadebe (Social Sciences – Education Studies) - Bronze Pin

HOCKEY – GIRLS

Kady Clemmett - PADSSA U14B

Senamile Mvelase - PADSSA U16A

Akwande Luthuli - PADSSA U16B

Theresli Meyers - PADSSA U16B

Shannyn Olivier - PADSSA U18A

Madison Bull - PADSSA U18B

Natalie Rees - PADSSA U18B

Nangamso Nxasana - PADSSA U18B

Isabella Momoh – PADSSA U16A, KZN U16B

Langalihle Nxumalo – PADSSA U16A, KZN U16C

Anele Sabela – PADSSA U18A, KZN U18

Akwande Luthuli - DPL

Kellan Boynton - DPL

Langalihle Nxumalo - DPL

Tiffany Scott - DPL

Mrs Topham – KZN U18B Coach, DPL U18 Coach, Into Africa Coach

HOCKEY – BOYS

Asande Ngobese – PADSSA U18A

Brendon Smith – PADSSA U18B

HONOUR SOCIETY

The following learners achieved the Honour Society selection criteria of a 75% aggregate and a minimum of 3 A-symbols:

Ethan Ainhirn	Julia Angus	Cadence Barclay
Eryn Beech	Samantha Berndt	Kelsey Brown
Esihle Buthelezi	Lwandile Buthelezi	Hayley Chabant
Lindokuhle Chiya	Kylie Coetzee	Ariyin Collingwood
Leah Donkin	Dayna Gagiano	Jade Gericke
Gabriella Herbst	Cheyenne Hoareau	Micaella Hunter
Jordan Kidgell	Hannah King	Caitlyn Kistensamy
Lola Klinjstra	Cuan Le Roux	Connor Lowe
Masande Luthuli	Lehar Maharaj	Lerato Mantashe
Chloe Marais	Siphesihle Mhlanga	Yuktha Moodley
Siphelele Mthethwa	Khanya Mzobe	Buhlebethu Ndhlela
Madison Neville	Khethelo Ngcamu	Lethokuhle Ngubane
Sesandile Ngubane	Carla Schwarz	Joe Te Brugge
Isabella Traini	Vanessa V D Westhuizen	Faye Verster
Jennifer Zinn.		

MOTOR SPORT

Connor Du Plessis – KZN Team.

NETBALL

Kady Clemmett - PADSSA U14
Piya Brown - PADSSA U16
Sophie Buccimazza - PADSSA U16
Hannah Greffrath - PADSSA U17
Anathi Mchunu - PADSSA U18
Lisakhanya Mncube - PADSSA U18
Katelyn Peattie – PADSSA U15, KZN U15
Kellan Boynton – PADSSA U15, KZN U15
Michaela Clegg – PADSSA U16, KZN U16
Emma Atkinson – PADSSA U18, Ethekwini District U19
Thandolwethu Sishi – PADSSA U18, KZN U18
Lola Klijnstra – PADSSA U18, KZN U18, SA Squad U18

The 1st team won the following tournaments:

SPAR Fast 5's (2nd year in a row, 3rd overall)
PSG Super 8's (2nd year in a row)

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PAGEANT WINNERS

Shaylize Gopal won the Beauty with a Purpose Crown and was also crowned second princess in the Queen of South Africa Teen Pageant.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Norma-Jean Price took 2nd place in the Kearsney College Culture@Kearsney Photography Competition. Category 1: Up Close and Personal with her photography "Eye Contact."

PERFORMING ARTS

Tatum Noyle competed in the South Africa Championship of Performing Arts (SACOPA) and was awarded seven Gold Medals, three Silver Medals, three Bronze Medals. She was chosen to represent South Africa in Los Vegas 2026. She received her South African colours for Dancing.

RUGBY

Tanner Evans – U18 Tier 2 Team

Luke Ball – U18 Tier 2 Team

Ayden Nel – U16 Tier 2 Team

Mvelo Shangase – U16 Tier 2 Team

Luke Whittle – U16 Tier 2 Team

Simthandile Zwane – U15 Tier 2 Team

Menelisi Khathi – U15 Tier 2 Team

Thamsanqa Sifumba – U15 Tier 2 Team

Ndalo Vilakazi – U14 Tier 2 Team

Mr Roux has been appointed as the U15 Tier 2 Coach for the trials

Leante Goosen – U16 KZN Duikers (Girls)

SASOL SKILLS EGD COMPETITION

Mr Andrew Burger, Jaryd Andre and Mrs Telise Tonkin competed in the Provincial Sasol Skills Competition and were all selected to represent KZN at National level where they placed in the top 3.

SOCCER – BOYS

Ikhona Mahlasela – Highways U14

Melokuhle Ndlozi – KZN U14

Esihle Myende – Highways U15

Jose Lyons – KZN U15
Okuhle Nxumalo – KZN U15
Philisa Mngwengwe – KZN U16
Zekhethelo Zwane – KZN U16
Liyema Buthelezi – Highways U16
Simthandile Gwavuma – Highways U16
Philisa Mngwengwe – Highways U16
Melokuhle Shezi – Highways U16
Zekhethelo Zwane – Highways U16
Snalo Mkhize – Highways U19

Discovery Cup

U15 team – Silver Medals

MANCOSA Term 2 League

1st team – Silver Medals

Halala Cup – Curro Sport

1st team qualified for the National Tournament at Curro Heronbridge where they finished 10th overall.

KZN U16 Age Group Co-ordinator - Mr Majola

SOCCER - GIRLS

Osiphile Vilakazi – Highways U14
Natalie Steyn – Highways U14
Avela Madela – Highways U15
Sienna Fripp – Highways U16
Ayabonga Ngcobo – Highways U16
Chelsea Stainbank – Highways U16
Kylie Coetzee – Highways U19
Anele Sabela – Highways U19
Awande Nzuza – Highways U19
Sienna Kidgell – Highways U14, KZN U14
Theresli Meyers – Highways U15
Langalihle Nxumalo – Highways U15, KZN U15
Katelyn Peattie – Highways U15
Grace Humphreys – Highways U15
Sophie Buccimazza – Highways U16, KZN U19
Eryn Beech – Highways U19, KZN U19

Greater Durban Local Football Association Ladies Team - Grace Humphreys

SOFTBALL – BOYS

Keegan Compton-James – KZN U15A

Ryan Rees – KZN U15A

Stephen Munro – KZN U15B

Ethan Moss – KZN U17

SOFTBALL – GIRLS

U15 Girls

Jayden-Lee Anderson

Kellan Boynton

Laela-Geldenhuis

Langalihle Nxumalo

Sienna Kidgell

U17 Girls

Isabella Momoh

Jodi Maclachlan

Maroelle Coertse

Melokuhle Dlamini

Philasande Motaung

Shaelyn Geldenhuis

U19 Girls

Maroelle Coertse

Natalie Rees

Senzelwe Nene

Shannyn Olivier

League Winners

1st Team – 4th year in a row (unbeaten)

U15A

SWIMMING

Sienna Kidgell – PADSSA U14

Liv van den Heever – PADSSA U14

Annabelle van Heerden – PADSSA U15

Lincoln Hopper – PADSSA U15

Bradley Leppan – PADSSA U15 & KZN Open Water

Ludick Erasmus – PADSSA U16

Kayla Jade van Heerden – PADSSA U17

Heinrich Freitag – PADSSA U17

Jamey Grobbelaar – PADSSA U17
Cuan Le Roux – PADSSA U18
Keira Duncan – PADSSA U18, KZN U18
Cuan Le Roux – PADSSA U18, KZN U18
Mr White – KZN Manager
Mrs Strydom – KZN Manager

Sienna Kidgell – U14 Girls Age Group Champion
Wian Erasmus – U14 Boys Age Group Champion
Annabelle van Heerden – U15 Girls Age Group Champion
Bradley Leppan – U15 Boys Age Group Champion
Rebekah Nel – U16 Girls Age Group Champion
Ludick Erasmus – U16 Boys Age Group Champion
Kayla Jade van Heerden – U17 Girls Age Group Champion
Heinrich Freitag – U17 Boys Age Group Champion
Emma Atkinson – U19 Girls Age Group Champion
Cuan Le Roux – U19 Boys Age Group Champion
Keira Duncan – 100m Girls Freestyle & 100m Girls Individual Medley Champion
Cuan Le Roux - 100m Boys Freestyle & 100m Boys Individual Medley Champion
Sienna Kidgell – Junior Victrix Ludorum
Annabelle van Heerden - Junior Victrix Ludorum
Wian Erasmus - Junior Victor Ludorum
Emma Atkinson – Victrix Ludorum
Cuan Le Roux – Victor Ludorum

TOUCH RUGBY - GIRLS

Casey Erasmus – KZN Touch U13A
Jayden-Lee Anderson – KZN Touch U15A
Kellan Boynton – KZN Touch U15A
Avela Hadebe – KZN Touch U15A
Banele Chiya – KZN Touch U15B
Dakota Hoareau – KZN Touch U15B
Natalie Steyn – KZN Touch U15B
Ndalente Mnguni – KZN Touch U15C
Sesona Guzana – KZN Touch U15C
Hannah Greffrath – KZN Touch U17A
Ziyanda Majola – KZN Touch U17B
Lola Klijnstra – KZN Touch U19A, KZN Mixed Open Team, SA U20 Women's
Olwethu Dladla – KZN Impi's U17
Piya Brown – KZN Impi's U17 & SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Caitlyn van Niekerk – KZN Impi's U17
Kayla Manning – KZN Impi's U19 & SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Kylie Coetzee – KZN Impi's U19

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Grace Humphreys – KZN Impi’s U19 & SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Kayden Carson - SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Macayela Johansson - SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Thingo Dlamini - SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Keira Du Plessis - SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team
Megan Maher - SA Invitational under 21 Ladies Team

TOUCH RUGBY - BOYS

Ubenathi Mbatha – KZN Impi’s U15
Esihle Manqele – KZN Impi’s U15
Aphelele Chiliza – KZN Impi’s U15 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Simthandile Zwane – KZN Impi’s U15
Liam Smith – KZN Impi’s U15
Cebolakhe Gcuma – KZN Impi’s U17
Sibusiso Mapotse – KZN Impi’s U17 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Bayanda Gumbi – KZN Impi’s U17 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Siviwe Luthuli – KZN Impi’s U17 & Referee
Tamuka Chovuvhovu – KZN Impi’s U17 & Referee
Luthando Blose – KZN Impi’s U17 & Referee
Alwande Sibiya – KZN Impi’s U17
Rudy Klijnstra – KZN Impi’s U17 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Alwande Ngxongo – KZN Impi’s U17
Nishal Pailath – KZN Impi’s U17 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Garth Smith – KZN Impi’s U17
Uyanda Hlongwa – KZN Impi’s U17 & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Sebastian Schaub-Kuffler – KZN Impi’s U17
Sloane Schaub-Kuffler – KZN Impi’s U17
Sethu Mkhize – KZN Impi’s U17 (Reserve)
Amabutho Mavundla – KZN Impi’s U19A
Azola Shandu – KZN Impi’s U19A & KZN Mens Open Team
Siphesihle Hlambisa – KZN Impi’s U19A & Referee
Kwandile Gumbi – U17 Impi’s Assistant Coach & SA Invitational Men’s Open Division Team
Tanner Evans - KZN Mixed Open Team

Tin Man

Bradley Leppan competed in the Tin Man event on 23 March. This event comprises of a 400m swim, 12km cycle and 2½km run.
Bradley placed 1st in his age category for ages 14 – 15.

Varsity College School’s Quiz

Brielle Pillay - VC Quiz – Placed 10th in KZN.

SPORTS AND CULTURAL AWARDS

Boys Badminton

Most valuable player - Jeriah Govender

Girls Badminton

Most valuable player - Isabella Te Brugge

Chess

Most Consistent Player - Jaden Strydom

Exceptional Service to 1st Team Chess - Ethan Ainhirn

Most valuable player Juan-Diego Naidoo

Choir

Most Dedicated Choir Member - Obedingwa Ngidi

Exceptional Musicality Award - Hannah King

Most Versatile Singer - Jade Gericke

Most Committed Choir Member - Hayley Chabant

Cricket

Best 1st XI Bowler - Connor Lowe

Gareth Irvine Trophy for Batsman of the Year - Paul Momoh

Team Man of the Year - Kienan Sawyer

Dalton Duck Award - Travis Whiteside

Finlayson Cup for Most Improved Cricketer - Tana Botha

Cross Country

Most valuable Runner - Bradley Leppan

Debating

Dedication and Commitment Trophy: Senior Lubanzi Maluleka

Akob Trophy for the Top Senior Speaker: Endinako Magafela

Jugdaw/Reddy Captain's Trophy - Endinako Magafela

Drama

Most Improved Actor - Daniel Burton

Best Actress in a Supporting Role - Isabella Traini

Best Actor in a Supporting Role - Siphesihle Mthiya
Best Actress - Zofia Giorko
Best Actor - Amahle Zungu
Mike Dunleavy Award for Outstanding Dedication and Passion for Drama -
Nkumbulo Zulu

Equestrian

The Rothman Floating Trophy for the Best Rider - Kingsley Matthews
The Joker Jump Trophy for the Best Show Jumper
The Best Dressage Rider

Esports

Most Valuable Player - Tyler Muller

Golf

Most Valuable Player - William Asquith

Gospel Choir

Best Soloist since grade 8 - Zofia Giorko
Versatile member of the choir - Sngobile Mbili
Most Reliable Leader - Nonjabulo Malinga
Dedicated member since grade 8 - Sphesihle Mthiya
Dedicated member since grade 8 - Amahle Zungu

Hockey - Boys

Golden Stick trophy for the highest 1st team goal scorer - Asande Ngobese
Ebsworth Cup for the most improved player - Keagan Glauser & Brendon Frenzel
Le Tourneur floating trophy for player of the year - Brendon Smith &
Asande Ngobese
"The Christopher Robin Shield for Excellence" Presented to the most inspirational
1st Team Boys Hockey Player - Cuan Le Roux & Tasriq Wingrove

Hockey - Girls

Contribution to Girls hockey - Zainab Wingrove
Kim Exsteen trophy for the most promising junior - Kellan Boynton
Jackson trophy for player of the year - Kellan Boynton

Indoor Hockey – Boys

Most valuable 1st Team - Cuan Le Roux

Indoor Hockey - Girls

Most valuable 1st team player Anele Sabela

Mountain Biking

Rider of the year – Boys Junior Bryce Fuchs
Rider of the year – Boys Senior Dominique Knoesen
Rider of the year – Girls Junior Erin Lowe
Rider of the year – Girls Senior Taygen Oberholzer

Netball

Senior player of the year - Lisakhanya Mncube
The Combrink Trophy for the most valuable contribution to Netball - Hannah Greffrath
Best Defence Player - Thandolwethu Sishi
Best Attacking Player - Lola Klijnstra
*Best goal average Trophy sponsored by Belinda Pitt - Michaela Clegg
The Tarr Netball Trophy for 'Spirit of Netball' - Emma Atkinson

Photography

Five years of dedicated participation Samantha Berndt, Ariyan Collingwood,
Jade Gericke, Akira McMillan and Megan
McFarlane

Rugby 7's

Most valuable 1st Team Azola Shandu

Rugby

Du Toit trophy for Rookie of the year - Mvelo Shangase
Hall trophy for the most capped 1st team Player - Nigel Dzikamunhenga
Arnot trophy for the most improved player - Jamie Bastion
Snowy Suter trophy for sportsmanship - Joshua Whittle
Aitken trophy for the most consistent player - Andile Madikizela
Members Club trophy for the player's player of the year - Tanner Evans
Santana trophy for dedication to rugby - Tanner Evans
Grubb shield for player of the year - Tsepo Moloji

Sign Language

Enthusiasm for Sign Language - David Mackenzie
Passion for Sign Language - Jade Gericke
Passion for Sign Language - Hayley Chabant
Dedication to Sign Language - Faye Verster

Soccer - Girls

Most valuable 1st team player (Donated by Wimpy Hillcrest) - Kylie Coetzee
Tayla Kinsey Golden Boot Award (for the top 1st team goal scorer) - Eryn Beech

Soccer - Boys

Top Scorer - Ayedan Whitby
Most valuable 1st team player - Thingoluhle Shezi
Most valuable 1st team player - Bayanda Ntombela
Golden Glove Award Goalkeeper of the Year - Sinenhloso Shozi

Social Media Journalism

Most valuable member - Jade Gericke
Best Writer - Ariyan Collingwood

Softball - Boys

Player of the year - Ethan Moss

Softball - Girls

Sunkel Trophy for player of the year - Shannyn Olivier and Jordan Kidgell

The Zolly Trophy for Dedication and Excellence in Softball - Shannyn Olivier and Jordan Kidgell

Swimming

Junior Female Swimmer of the Year - Sienna Kidgell & Annabelle van Heerden
Junior Male Swimmer of the Year - Bradley Leppan
Senior Female Swimmer of the Year - Kayla Jade van Heerden
Senior Male Swimmer of the Year - Cuan Le Roux

Steel Drums

Dedication and Enthusiasm - Faye Verster
Loyalty and Passion - Ariyan Collingwood

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Commitment and Enthusiasm Isabella Traini
Dedication and Zeal Cadence Barclay
Outstanding commitment to the band Hannah King
Exceptional service and commitment to the band - Jade Gericke

Tennis - Boys

Most valuable player - Nhlanhla Luthuli

Touch Rugby - Boys

Player of the year - Siviwe Luthuli and Sibusiso Mapotse

Touch Rugby - Girls

Player of the year - Thingo Dlamini

2025 has once again been an outstanding year for exceptional achievements. We are extremely proud of each and every member of our Hillcrest High School Student Body and even more so, of those students that strive for excellence, raising the Hillcrest High School name to great heights. Congratulations to you all!