



Hillcrest High School

Celebrating over 40 years of excellence in education.

PROSPECTUS



Where Good Results

Hillcrest

High School



MISSION STATEMENT

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.

H.H.S VALUES
Honour . Hard Work . Service

THE FIVE CORNERSTONES ON WHICH HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL IS BUILT



High Academic Standards and Achievement



Competitive Sport



Cultural Development



Leadership Training and Development



Community Awareness

SCHOOL THEME

***If it is to be
it is up to me!***



**Hillcrest
High School**



AN OVERVIEW OF THE SCHOOL

Hillcrest High is regarded as a progressive high school due to its willingness to experiment and refusal to be tied to the traditional. Not only has this brought local and regional recognition to the school, but we are also frequently consulted on important educational issues. Our curriculum and educational policies reflect our efforts to keep abreast of the changing needs and attitudes of society, and are geared to prepare young people for the demands that they will undoubtedly face in the future.

With a student population in excess of 1000 and an academic staff of 75, and the support of many ancillary staff, Hillcrest High enjoys a fine reputation in academics, sport and cultural activities.

BENEFITS TO YOU AND YOUR CHILD

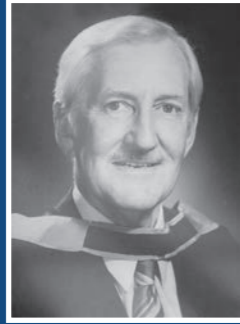
Hillcrest High School is committed to providing the broader Hillcrest community with the very best level of education for its young people.

- Hillcrest High School will afford your child the opportunity to become a well-adjusted and well-equipped young adult who is able to meet and cope with the challenges of our dynamic society;
- Attending a local school will afford your child the convenience of building and maintaining friendships in his/her local community, as well as the convenience for parents and child of attending extramural activities at school such as sporting events, cultural or voluntary activities and evening drama productions.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SCHOOL



Mr C J Talbot
(1976 - 1977)



Mr P E Hawkins
(1978 - 1981)



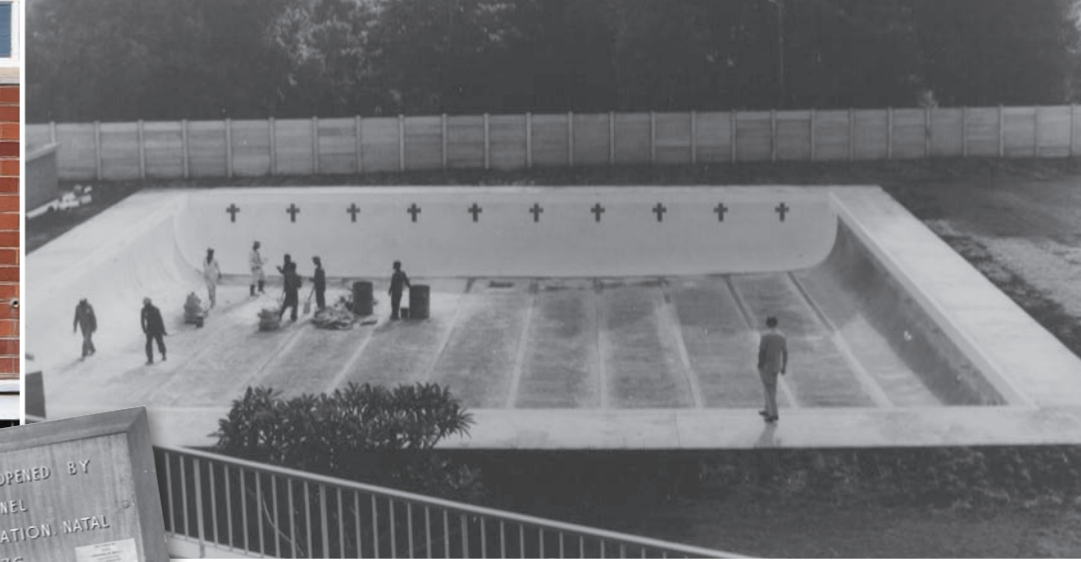
Mr M C Garrett
(1982 - 1997)



Mr G J Delport
(1997 - 1999)



Mr C M Girvin
(1999 - current)



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2 Mr P E Hawkins
(1978 - 1981)

1 Mr C J Talbot
(1976 - 1977)

22 January 1976: The School opened with buildings that were not yet complete, inadequate furniture and no sports fields.

Boys' Uniform: Grey longs, navy blazer, white shirt, plain red tie, grey jersey, grey socks and black shoes

Girls' Uniform: Grey six panel skirt, white shirt, plain red tie, navy blazer, black shoes, white ankle socks or stockings

August 1976: The buildings were completed. Students used Edgewood College's Sports Facilities and Hillcrest Primary's swimming pool.

End of 1976: The badge and motto were completed

1977: Mr Talbot left the school as he was promoted to the Natal Education Department's Head Office in Pietermaritzburg.

3 Mr M C Garrett
(1982 - 1997)

During Mr Garrett's term, the following facilities were added to the school:

- The Cage drama facility
- Two art studios above The Cage
- Audio-visual rooms below the Media Centre
- Conversion of two classrooms into an IT facility
- Additional garages for the school buses
- **1987:** The swimming pool
- Inanda Road sports field

4 Mr G J Delport
(1997 - 1999)

During Mr Delport's term, the school acquired:

- The foyer
- Addition of a further two computer venues in the Media Centre

5 Mr C M Girvin (1999 - current)

- Improved entrance to the school in Shortlands Avenue
- Kingfisher Room at the main sports field
- Learning Support Unit
- Changeroom and kitchenette facilities added to Inanda Road sports field
- Refurbished science laboratories
- Implementation of the e-Learning programme

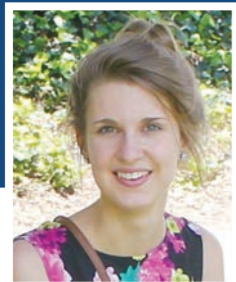


THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BADGE



PREPARING STUDENTS FOR LIFE

In keeping with our Mission Statement of 'preparing students for life', we are always delighted to learn of past students who excel in their chosen careers. These alumni that are featured here are just a sample of the many success stories of which we are exceptionally proud. Our website features these achievers and is updated as more become known to us.



AMY BOOTH | 2012

Amy achieved nine subject A's in matric with 100% for Visual Art. She is a second-year student at UCT and earned the highest average mark for her year with awards for Best Overall Performance, Students' Surgical Society prize for the highest score in the anatomy sections and the prize for best student in Integrated Health Systems in second year studies.



CALEB JONES | 2009

Recipient of the 2013 Garlicke & Bousfield Environmental Law Award, the Abel Torf Prize for best overall LLB student, the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society Prize for best LLB student and the Phatshoane Henney Group Honour Medal for graduating summa cum laude.



CAYLEY GREEN (NÉE BOWLAND) | 2007

Master of International Relations (Wits)
Cayley is currently the Head of Research for the Democratic Alliance in Parliament. She was selected for the competitive Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Scholarship which she completed while simultaneously completing her internship with the SAIIA (South African Institute of International Affairs.)



HEATHER MOSTERT (NÉE HAMILTON) | 1994

BComm, CFP, MIFM
Miss South Africa 1999

Previously involved with Marriott Asset Management as an investment professional, Heather is also a former South African equestrian champion and has represented KZN in showjumping, dressage and equitation. She is still actively competing in equestrian events.



LAVASHKAR CHETTY | 2004

B Sc Chemical Engineering (UKZN).

Lavashkar is a Technology Licensing Engineer with Sasol Chevron.



JOLENE MORTIMER | 2004 HEAD GIRL

Master of Sport Science (cum laude)
Jolene is a biokineticist and resides in Gauteng.

Amongst many other awards, she received the SA Association for the Advancement of Science (S2A3) medal for Best Masters Research Project. She owns JM Biokinetics and Vida Fit.



DR LAUREN FRANZ
M.B., CH.B

Lauren was awarded the prestigious award as a fellow in the ZERO TO THREE'S Leaders for the 21st Century Fellowship Programme. She is now Assistant Professor in Child Psychiatry and Global Health at Duke University in the United States.



MARC MUNDELL | 2001 DEPUTY HEAD BOY

Champion race walker. Marc represented South Africa at the Olympics in 2012, bettering his personal best time. He also competed in the World Race Walking Championships the following year.



MEGAN COLEMAN | 2002

B Soc Sci (Media, Communications and Marketing)
Miss South Africa 2006

Megan runs her business, Image Insured, with her mother, Fay Coleman.



NONHLANHLA RADEBE | 2004

Nonhlanhla is a commercial pilot with instrument rating and flies as a First Officer with SA Express Airways. She is CEO of Vukani Aviation and Executive Director of the South African Flight Training Academy.



PETER TEMPELHOFF | 1989

Peter is a hugely talented, internationally acclaimed chef who also holds the title in South Africa as Executive Chef for The Collection by Liz McGrath. In 2011, he was awarded the prestigious status of Grand Chef at the annual Relais & Chateaux Congress. Peter opened Mondial Kitchen & Bar in the V&A Waterfront in 2013 and is involved with several wine labels.



STUART BERRY | 2000 HEAD BOY

MSc Hydrology (UKZN, Pmb.)

Stuart is an IRB Test referee, Super Rugby referee and Currie Cup referee. He is also the owner of Impi Concept Events.

ACADEMICS

FACILITIES

ICT DEPARTMENT

The school has two fully-equipped computer laboratories for student use, with 36 additional PC's available in the Media Centre for class and individual use. Each class is fitted with a data projector, funded by the Hillcrest High School Trust. Wi-fi access to the school's network is available throughout the campus.

Hillcrest High has embraced the digital learning era and is now an e-Learning facility. Students are encouraged to bring digital devices to school where they are used under supervision in the classroom. This in no way replaces conventional teaching but is used rather as a support to the tuition offered.

Security measures are constantly being introduced on the campus for these electronic devices, but it is nevertheless incumbent on the student to be responsible for his/her own digital equipment.

VISUAL AND DRAMATIC ART

The Cage theatre offers an intimate space in which our drama students can showcase their talent. Two large art studios are located above The Cage that cater for the novice and advanced artist.

We are extremely proud of the exceptional standard of drama and visual art that is produced at our school.

MEDIA CENTRE

The Media Centre is located on the first floor adjacent to the swimming pool and is well stocked with a varied collection of books and non-book material such as videos, audio tapes, newspapers and teaching aids. Specific attention is given to reading material aimed at teenagers.

A comfortable seating area allows students to make use of this facility during break and after school. The centre is also used for chess practice and tournaments as well as for debating and public speaking.

SCIENCE LABORATORIES

Thanks to the generosity of the Victor Deitz Foundation, Hillcrest High has two well-equipped Science Laboratories that were completely refurbished at the end of 2012.

LEARNING SUPPORT UNIT (LSU)

A generous donation from the Albert Wessels Trust has enabled the Learning Support Unit to be housed in its own building, adjacent to the swimming pool. The facility has three fully equipped classrooms, toilet facilities and a large common room for technology and practical work, providing the students with an ideal learning environment under the guidance of specialist teachers. Students are fully integrated into the school while enjoying the benefit of smaller classes and individual attention.



GRADE 8 - 9:

In Grades 8 and 9, students study the following subjects :

AC	Arts & Culture
MLMMS	Mathematical Literacy, Mathematics and Mathematical Sciences
NS	Natural Sciences
LO	Life Orientation
TECH	Technology
HSS	Human and Social Sciences
EMS	Economic and Management Sciences
LLC	Language, Literacy and Communication

GRADE 10 - 12 SUBJECT COMBINATIONS

Students are required to study a minimum of seven subjects. These subjects are on seven 'lines' and ONE subject must be selected from each line.

PLEASE NOTE :

- Physical Science, EGD, Information Technology and Accounting may not be taken with Mathematical Literacy.
- If classes are under or oversubscribed, students may be required to change their subject selections



LINE 1	LINE 2	LINE 3	LINE 4	LINE 5	LINE 6	LINE 7
English ENGM	Afrikaans AFRS	Mathematics MATH	Life Orientation LO	Physical Science PHSC	Accounting ACCO	Physical Science PHSC
	isiZulu ZULS	Mathematical Literacy MATL		Life Science LS	History HIST	Hstory HIST
				Business Studies BS	Geography GEOG	Geography GEOG
				Tourism Studies TT	Consumer Studies CS	Dramatic Arts DA
				Engineering Graphics & Design EGD	Information Technology IT	Visual Art VA
				Economics	German GERM	Business Studies BS
						Consumer Studies

ACADEMIC EXTENSION PROGRAMME



Hillcrest High School caters for its top, enthusiastic students with a range of academic extension programmes. These are some of the extension programmes in which we participated in 2014.

HISTORY



- History Quiz
- Tour to the Anglo-Zulu War battle sites
- European Tour in 2015

LIFE SCIENCE



- Enviro - Quiz
- Futurewise Olympiad
- Life Sciences Olympiad
- Liberty Midlands Mall 'I Love Trees' Competition
- Kloof Conservancy Molweni River Health Schools' Project

TOURISM

- Tourism Photographic Competition
- Travel Writing Competition
- Travel Research Competition



CONSUMER STUDIES



- Jamie Oliver cook-off for Food Revolution Day
- Consumer Studies Olympiad
- Outing to Botha's Hill Chef School

MATHEMATICS

- IMAS Challenge
- Mathematics Olympiad
- Advanced Programme (AP) Mathematics

PHYSICAL SCIENCE



- Eskom Science Expo
- Mintek Science Quiz
- SAASTA National Science Olympiad
- Royal Society Science Essay Competition

TECHNOLOGY

- UKZN Bridge Building Competition



AFRIKAANS



- EG Janse Redenaars Kompetisie
- Taalbond Eksamen

SPORT



INTERNATIONAL



GLOBAL YOUNG LEADERS' CONFERENCE: Held annually in Washington DC and New York, this conference provides a platform for exceptional students from around the world to participate in simulated UN debates and to discuss international concerns.

HILLCREST AIDS CENTRE TRUST: Margaret Turnbull, founder of this Trust, brings a group of senior students from London schools to South Africa to assist at local disadvantaged schools. We host these groups on a biennial basis and friendships are forged between the students.



PEOPLE TO PEOPLE INTERNATIONAL: This non-profit organization from the USA operates worldwide and focuses on 'Peace through Understanding'. The Hillcrest Chapter regularly participates in beach clean-ups, cultural workshops and community outreach. PTPI offers many programmes and leadership opportunities for our students.

Each student is encouraged to commit to at least two activities (sporting or cultural) per year. Experience has shown that students who become fully involved in the corporate life of the school are not only the happiest, but ultimately also the most successful.

All sports are played at inter-school level with outstanding sportsmen and sportswomen going on to compete at district, provincial, national and international levels. The rugby, netball, boys' and girls' hockey first teams compete annually in the Easter Festival and the rugby XV team competes in the KZN/Gauteng Rugby Sports Festival.

More tours for other sporting codes are being introduced for the younger age groups.



FACILITIES

Our school provides excellent sports facilities for our students that include two rugby/soccer fields, four netball courts, three hockey fields, three cricket turf wickets and five cricket practice nets. The Inanda Road sports field provides changeroom and kitchenette facilities and is used for hockey, cricket and soccer. The Belvedere sports field in Shortlands Avenue caters for hockey and soccer.



ADVENTURE SPORTS

The school offers a range of non-traditional individual and team sporting activities which are overseen by the Adventure Sports Club. These include multisport, adventure racing, trail running, duathlon, triathlon, climbing, hiking, mountain biking and road cycling.



ATHLETICS/CROSS COUNTRY

Athletics is offered in the first term and Cross Country in the second term.



BADMINTON

This sport is offered in the second term and practice takes place in the school hall.



CHESS

Chess is a year-round activity. Our first team has won the PADSSA trophy on several occasions.



CRICKET

Cricket is played in the first and fourth terms.



EQUESTRIAN

Our school offers all equestrian disciplines as an extra-mural sport. The team competes at SANESA and Inter-Schools level with much success.



NETBALL

This sport is offered in the second term.



INDOOR HOCKEY

The girls play in the first term and we have introduced the boys' league in the third term.



OUTDOOR HOCKEY

This sport is played in the second term. Games are played on both grass and astroturf.



RUGBY

Rugby is a major sport at the school. In the first term, we compete in the Gelofté Night Series, and in the school league in the second term. Rugby Sevens takes place in the third term.

Mr Dusty Noble is our Rugby Development Officer.

We are an accredited member of the Sharksmart Schools of Excellence programme that encourages clean and safe practice and play.



SOCCER

The boys' First Team competes in the second term and all other teams play in the third term.



SOFTBALL

Matches are played in the third term at Queensmead. The boys' matches are on Friday and the girls' matches on Saturday.



SWIMMING

The school has a heated pool and enjoys the coaching services of Melissa Martinson (née Corfe), an Olympic, All African and Commonwealth swimmer. This sport takes place in the first and fourth terms.



TENNIS

Girls' tennis takes place in the first and third term, while the boys compete in the second term.



TOUCH RUGBY

The girls' and boys' matches take place in the first and fourth terms.



WATERPOLO

This sport takes place in the fourth term.

CULTURE



ART CLUB

This club is ideal for students who have an interest in art and crafts activities.



DRAMA

The school has an excellent reputation for the standard of plays and musicals it produces annually. The Speech and Drama Festival is another area in which our students have achieved exceptionally high standards.



FISHING

This is a popular extramural activity at our school. The Fishing Club takes local excursions to the south coast as well as a few further afield, during the course of the year.



MUSICAL

School Choir: The choir meets at break to practice. It participates in annual choir festivals and performs at special public events where it is always well received.

Gospel Choir: The Gospel Choir also meets at break for its practice sessions. The choir delights all who attend its performances.

The Glee Choir: The Glee Choir was started by past student and accomplished performer, Judith Hawthorn. The Choir's success was immediate and it won the first Eisteddfod that it attended and continues to excel whenever it competes. In 2014, the choir won Gold and Silver at the World Choir Games in Latvia.

Steel Drum Band: The Steel Drum band practices weekly and regularly participates in festivals and competitions including the National Creative Arts Festival which it has won five times. The band is frequently requested to perform at public functions.



PHOTOGRAPHY

The photography club is open to all interested students. During the year, they enjoy talks on improving their skills and are encouraged to put into practice what they have learned. The students exhibit their work at various functions.



PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING

Fast becoming one of the school's most popular extramural activities, our junior and senior debating teams participate regularly in debating contests where they achieve much success.

Toastmasters: Toastmasters is also a popular activity and builds confidence in communication skills.

Word Sessions: Word Sessions is a popular medium for students to share their life experiences, insights, visions and ideas through the medium of performance poetry. The Word Sessions Circle encourages the positive and constructive use of language.



SPIRITUAL

SCA: The Students' Christian Association is an active group that meets weekly during their lunch break.

Hindu Students' Association: The Hindu Students' Association is a multi-cultural and multi-racial organization that aims to celebrate, embrace and discover more about the diverse and vibrant nature of Hinduism. The students meet weekly during which discussions, presentations and teachings take place.



SERVICE CLUBS

CATERING

Our school prides itself on its active Catering Committee comprising students from Grade 9 – 12. The committee caters for all school sports, many social functions and even the occasional wedding. Those who participate fully in this committee are awarded service awards in the form of merits, half colours and colours.



GARDENING

The gardening club was started by a group of students in 2006 with the intention of supplying the needy in surrounding areas with freshly grown vegetables. They meet weekly to tend and harvest their produce.

INTERACT

This is the school arm of Rotary International and focuses on community involvement. Our Interact Club is constantly busy with the upliftment of either a school or orphanage in need. The fundraising and collecting of goods by the students and their families for the various projects in which they are involved, is nothing short of exemplary.





GOVERNING BODY

Every three years, the school elects a Governing Body that comprises parents, teachers, non-educators and students.

A member of the Governing Body has a tremendous responsibility towards the school, its students, their parents and the teaching staff.

Sub-committees within the Governing Body :

- Finance
- Staffing
- Marketing
- Sport
- RCL (Student Affairs)
- Buildings and Grounds
- Information and Communication Technology
- Discipline, Safety and Security

HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL TRUST

The Hillcrest High School Trust serves as a vehicle for funding capital development at the school. The Board of Trustees is selected from the school's senior management, past teachers, past students and the community. The Trust is registered as a separate legal entity.

The Trustees meet regularly to determine the Trust's directions. We welcome past students and parents and the wider community, both individual and corporate, to assist with funding any vital capital development projects that will further enhance what our school has to offer. Further information in this regard can be found on the school's website. In keeping with the objectives of the Trust, the current areas of focus are (a) the funding of capital projects to benefit the school, and (b) Student Sponsorship Programme - The Trust endeavours to raise finance for disadvantaged students whose parents cannot afford the school fees, or for when a family in our school community falls on hard times.

COUNSELLING AND GUIDANCE

Counselling and guidance activities are aimed at assisting the student to develop the necessary life skills to enter society as an active, independent participant and responsible contributor.

These skills also assist the student to adjust to high school and to develop a positive attitude to learning, effective communication and relationship skills, responsible decision-making and self-assertiveness.

Personal, educational and career counselling is offered to students in group and individual settings with regular lessons scheduled for all classes. Individual counselling is also available when the need arises.

Career decision-making is further supplemented with a battery of interest, personality and needs and values tests, visits to educational institutions, talks by experts and exposure to the work place.

UNIFORM

Students at our school are expected to be dressed in the correct and appropriate uniform at all times and to wear their uniform with pride.

We have a dedicated Uniform Shop on our premises that stocks all uniform requirements. The shop is situated just off School Road that runs inside the campus between Ridge Road and Shortlands Avenue and is clearly marked.

Students may purchase items first thing in the morning, at first break and immediately after school ends. Times vary according to the school programme. The uniform requirements are published on the d6 Communicator.

New parents are advised to make an appointment for individual attention.

Mrs Mandy Hayward: C: 082 488 8508

E: hhsuniform@gmail.com

Mrs Summerton: C: 083 256 8721

FEES

As a state-aided school, we are responsible for all expenditure other than the salaries of teachers and other staff allocated to us by the Department of Education. This expenditure includes text books, library books, stationery, printing, teaching equipment, salaries of additional teachers and others employed by the school, maintenance of the buildings and grounds, utilities, sport and extra-curricular facilities and equipment. Quite clearly, without the payment of school fees, the level of education that the students presently enjoy could not continue.

The school fee structure for the following year is approved by parents at a special meeting called for that purpose by the Governing Body.

Parents are required to complete a fee commitment form on enrolling their child and annually thereafter. Payment can be made to the school with cash in a full payment or on a monthly or quarterly basis, or by means of a debit order system over the year.

In cases of financial difficulty, letters requesting assistance should be addressed to the Governing Body. All correspondence is treated in the strictest confidence. A sub-committee of the Governing Body investigates the non-payment of fees.

Academic and sports scholarships are available to students. A Scholarship Information Evening for prospective parents is held in the third term and application forms are available at that meeting or at our Front Office.

HHS TRUST

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Should you have any queries, please email: trust@hhs.co.za

ATTENDANCE

Parents have a legal and moral obligation to ensure that their children attend school regularly.

Absence is allowed only for valid reasons, eg., genuine illness. Students may not be kept out of school for reasons such as catching up on work, preparing for examinations, accompanying parents on trips, moving house, etc.

Applications must be made in writing for students to leave school before the close of the school day. Such applications will be granted for valid reasons only. If the student is unavoidably late for school, the parent must write a note or notify the school telephonically.

DISCIPLINE

We uphold and maintain high standards of discipline at Hillcrest High School. A Comprehensive Code of Conduct has been drawn up and the rules contained therein are rigorously enforced. A range of disciplinary measures exists and are used when necessary, from detention to expulsion.

The school has appointed a dedicated Disciplinary Officer to deal with any matters arising in this regard. Serious cases of ill-discipline are referred to the Governing Body Sub-Committee.

It is our view that students must be able to work in a well-disciplined environment in order to obtain the greatest benefit from the large financial investment that their parents make in their education.

PAST PUPILS

Our HHS Kingfisher and Past Pupils Association is open to all pupils (past and present) and along with supporters, any are welcome to join.





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