



HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL

CIRCULAR 7 / 2026 – 26 JUNE 2026

**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,

1. **ACHIEVERS**

Unanimous victory and best delegate awards for Hillcrest High School learners at MUN Conference

We are incredibly proud of the achievements of our learners who participated in the Edufleek DHS Model United Nations Conference. In an unprecedented victory the team representing 'China', led by Leon Markwell, secured the unanimous vote of other contestants to adopt the joint resolution argument proposed. The presiding judge at the MUN conference noted that this was the first time she had witnessed a unanimous decision taken to adopt a joint resolution.

Our learners competed against 12 other delegations from schools from across the country. Lubanzi Maluleka and Sinenhloso Shozi represented 'Kenya' and Leon Markwell, Luke Watson and Preston Pepper represented 'China' in the debate centering around the complex, and timely, issue of "*Digital Surveillance versus National Security.*"

Leon Markwell was also awarded Gold for Best Delegate and Lubanzi Maluleka and Sinenhloso Shozi, representing team 'Kenya,' were awarded Silver for Best Delegation



Challenging their critical thinking, public speaking, negotiation and diplomacy skills, the event showcased the maturity and innovative thinking of our learners. During the closing remarks representatives from the signatory countries reflected on the importance of collective problem-solving, agreeing that finding solutions that benefit everyone is far more valuable than division and opposition – the ideals that underscore the foundational principals of the United Nations.

EQUESTRIAN

Layla Munday and her pony Jumanji Viking recently competed at the DSA Dressage Challenge show which was also a final selection show for the Children's Novice KZN Team. Congratulations on the following achievements:

- 1st position - Novice test 3 Warm up class
- 2nd position - Novice test 3 challenge class

Layla has also been selected to represent KZN children's novice dressage team.



Erin Lowe and her horse Vunderbar have competed in the Triple P Winter Classic showjumping where they placed 6th in the 80cm A2 Speed class and they placed 2nd in the 80cm Welcome Equitation. Last weekend Erin and Vunderbar competed in the World Cup Qualifier warm up show at Shongweni Club where they placed 8th out of a big class of 32 riders in the 80cm A2 adult and junior speed class.



We wish Erin all the best for the Toyota SA Youth Champs which takes place in the first week of the holidays.

2. PSG SUPER 8 RESULTS

We were very pleased to be part of this inter-school winter sport tournament again this year. There are 8 schools involved – four from the northern parts of KwaZulu-Natal i.e. Vryheid High School, Hoërskool Richardsbaai, Hoërskool Pionier and Empangeni High School; and four schools from southern side i.e. Hoërskool Suid-Natal, Kingsway High School, Riverwood College and Hillcrest High School. It ran over four consecutive weekends. We watched some very exciting matches, and overall, there was good sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed amongst the players.

The finals were played in Vryheid and teams and coaches, along with our two Deputy Principals and Marketing Manager, travelled the day before, staying overnight at Pionier High School. The final results were as follows:

Girls' Hockey

U14: Hillcrest 5 – 1 Vryheid

U16: Hillcrest 1 – 2 Pionier

2nd: Hillcrest 1 – 3 Pionier

1st: Hillcrest 3 – 1 Pionier

(Winners)

Boys' Hockey

1st: Hillcrest 5 – 3 Vryheid

(Winners)

Netball

U14: Hillcrest 10 – 11 Pionier

U15: Hillcrest 3 – 17 Vryheid

U16: Hillcrest 16 – 27 Vryheid

2nd: Hillcrest 7 – 21 Pionier

1st: Hillcrest 20 – 29 Pionier

Rugby

U14: Hillcrest 0 – 31 Pionier

U15: Hillcrest 0 – 39 Pionier

U16: Hillcrest 26 – 31 Vryheid

2nd: Hillcrest 5 – 62 Vryheid

1st: Hillcrest 15 – 40 Pionier



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Head of Sport, Mr Patrick Windsor for co-ordinating and organising this tournament. It was a lot of extra work on top of his already very busy schedule but as usual, he rose to the challenge and did a remarkable job. We appreciate all the extra hours he had to put in and the sacrifices his family make during this season.

My sincere thanks also go to all the coaches and managers of all the teams in the three sporting codes viz. Netball, Rugby and Hockey. Without all their efforts and dedication, we would not have been able to take part, much less receive the results we did in the finals. Thank you very much and congratulations on the pleasing results.

3. EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS

The June Examinations went off very smoothly. Thank you to all the staff for ensuring the invigilation and study venues were monitored so thoroughly. The reports will be ready by the end of the first week of next term.

This term we will be handing the reports **directly to the parents/guardians**. They can be signed for and collected from the school either on **Friday, 24 July** between 13h00 and 16h00, or on **Saturday, 25 July** between 08h00 and 12h00. We will also use this opportunity to check that the information we have on our database is accurate. Further details regarding this process will be sent out at the beginning of next term.

4. GRADE 12 EXTRA LESSONS – JULY HOLIDAYS

We are pleased to offer additional support sessions for Grade 12 learners during the July holidays. Please find the details below.

Accounting

- **Dates:** Monday, 29 June; Wednesday, 1 July; and Thursday 2 July
- **Time:** 08:00 – 11:00
- **Venue:** A24

Information Technology (IT)

- **Dates:** Monday, 29 June; Tuesday, 30 June
- **Time:** 08:00 – 10:00
- **Venue:** Computer Room

Mathematics Core

- **Date:** Friday, 3 July
- **Time:** 08:00 – 12:00
- **Venue:** A22

Attendance Confirmation: If your child will be attending, please email the relevant subject teacher(s) with the following information:

- Learner's full name
- Parent/guardian contact number.

Email Contacts:

- **Accounting:** edyc@hhs.co.za | chabantj@hhs.co.za | nkosin@hhs.co.za
- **IT:** josephs@hhs.co.za
- **Mathematics Core:** leuschke@hhs.co.za.

Important Information

- Learners must enter via the pool gate entrance.
- Civvies may be worn.
- Learners must be collected promptly at the end of each session.

We look forward to supporting your child's academic success.

5. HONESTY

I would like to congratulate the following learners on their honesty, an honourable trait which we like to acknowledge. Well done to the following learners who have returned lost items to the office:

- **Banele Chiya 10MA**

6. FAREWELLS

At the end of every term, we have to say farewell to those who are leaving us. There are several learners who are leaving and to them I wish the very best in their new schools. Some are moving towns or even countries and we hope that this will be a new and exciting chapter, but that they will always carry a special place in their hearts for Hillcrest High School.

Sadly, we also bid farewell to some of our staff members. Firstly, to **Mrs White** who has been standing in for Mrs Henderson while she was on maternity leave. Thank you very much for the incredible contribution you have made to the Afrikaans Department and to the school in your short time with us. We thank you very much for your commitment and we wish you all the best as you return to your retirement.

Ms O'Halloran is also leaving to explore some new options – still in education but not necessarily in the formal school setting. We wish her all the very best as she embraces a new chapter in her life. Ms O'Halloran has been with us for 18-months, but she is also a past pupil so her impact on the school over the years is significant and we thank her for all that she has contributed to Hillcrest High School, both academically and in hockey.



Mr Marillier has decided to spread his wings and fly the nest. After 6 years at Hillcrest High, predominantly as the Cricket Development Officer – he will be moving to Cape Town where he will be taking up a position in the commercial field. We take this opportunity to thank him for his outstanding commitment to Hillcrest High School, and to cricket in particular.



He has set a wonderful example to our cricket players on what is meant by a 'gentlemen's game' and I believe that this sportsmanship will be recognised as a part of a legacy that he has contributed significantly to.



Finally, we take leave of **Mr White**. Mr White transferred to Hillcrest High School in 2019 from Pinetown Boys High School. It was not long before his leadership qualities were noticed and he was promoted to the position of Grade Controller – a position that he has filled with distinction. Mr White has also played a very important role in extra-curricular activities putting Hillcrest High School back on the map for both Swimming and Cross-Country.

He has influenced many learners lives through his passion for sport as well as his assistance in subject and career choices; and he will be sorely missed. We thank him for his contribution to Hillcrest High School and wish him all the best as he starts a new career in security.

7. TERM 3 IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3: 21 JULY – 23 SEPTEMBER	
28 JULY	GRADE 11 BSTD EXCURSION
29 JULY	GRADE 10 BSTD EXCURSION
31 JULY/1 AUG	FOUNDERS WEEKEND – 50 TH CELEBRATION 7S RUGBY TOURNAMENT
5 AUGUST	GR 10 - 12 PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING
15 AUGUST	ANGEL FUND TEA
21 AUGUST	isiZULU EVENING
24 AUG – 18 SEPT	MATRIC TRIAL EXAMINATIONS
22 SEPTEMBER	HERITAGE CIVVIES DAY HERITAGE EVENING

IN CONCLUSION

I would like to thank Mrs Edy and Mr Ndebele, the management team and all the staff for their support, hard work, and continued dedication throughout this term. I wish you all a very peaceful and restful holiday.

To all the learners, enjoy your well-deserved holiday. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound, for what will probably be another very busy term on the 21 July 2026.



Yours faithfully

D.P. KNIGHT
Principal

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Jane Linley-Thomas

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