



# St Nicholas Diocesan School

A Co-Educational, Independent, Anglican, Day and Boarding School for pupils from Grade RR-12

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Dear Parents/Guardians

We are half way through our midyear examination period and I'm sure that this is a stressful period for many of our learners. Exams come with so many extra meanings for our learners. We need to remember that an exam is a measure of what we know and how we apply that knowledge. It is not a judgement of the person. An exam should also not be seen as the end of the learning process but rather an opportunity to improve the learning process. So many of our learners stay away from school once exams have finished, claiming that no work is being done. Teachers review the exams with the learners in this final week. They identify areas where learners struggled and review and reflect on each question. This is an essential element of improving performance and reduces the risk of learners making the same mistakes in the future. Please make sure that your child attends school in the final week. Term ends on Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of June.

This Wednesday was World Environment Day and is followed by World Oceans Day on Saturday. The United Nations has highlighted the major concerns facing the world today and has developed a set of sustainable development goals. St Nicholas strives to develop our learners into creative thinkers, problem solvers and compassionate members of society. Exam marks by themselves are meaningless unless they can be used to enhance our learners' capabilities and skills. Will they be the leaders of a generation that can find solutions to some of the world's most worrying challenges?

Three of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals are:

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable Development.

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Let each of us take responsibility for our own actions while at the same time striving to ensure that this beautiful planet that God has given us remains a "garden of Eden" for all living things.

Yours sincerely

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