



St Nicholas Diocesan School

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

Wednesday, 15 January 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to the St Nicholas family for 2020. This year marks the 30th Anniversary of our wonderful school and we are sure it is going to be our most successful year to date. We look forward to guiding our learners through the next year of their High School Career. We know that if we are to be successful in helping your child achieve their full potential it will require a team effort with all of us working together. Communication between the school and the parents/guardians is vital and as such we request that you fill in your details below so that we can add you to the Grade class WhatsApp groups. These allow us to communicate important information regarding your child.

Please note that we encourage participation in extracurricular activities and ask that you allow your children to participate in afternoon activities. Extra lessons for learners struggling in subject will be compulsory. You will be informed if your child needs to attend. We believe in a holistic education for our children that includes academics, sporting activities as well as cultural activities.

Please be aware of the requirements of the summer uniform for both girls and boys. Hair must be short and neat for boys and they must be clean shaven at all times. Girls' hair must be tied up if long and extensions must be natural in colour. Please ensure that your girl children's nails are always neat and do not have nail polish. No false nails are allowed. Earrings must be metal studs. No more than one per ear. Cell phones are permitted at school primarily for learners to contact transport after school.

We understand that a number of parents are having issues getting textbooks from Adams and hope that this is resolved as quickly as possible as we need all learners to have textbooks/study guides so that effective learning and teaching can take place.

We are excited to see what 2020 holds in store for your child and St Nicholas Diocesan School. Let God lead us through these turbulent waters.

Yours sincerely

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Class WhatsApp Groups Policy High School

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Social media is potentially a powerful communication tool. However, it also requires a great deal of responsibility. The points listed below have been put in place to ensure efficient and effective communication and we ask that all parents support us in this regard. The purpose of the class WhatsApp Groups is to ensure more efficient communication on a more regular basis between the school and our parent body.

- The class group-chat (WhatsApp) must only be used for issues that apply to the entire class and should not be used after 8pm or before 6am.
- Issues or questions that only apply to your child must be communicated directly with the respective teacher.
- Please be aware that most messages posted on these groups do not need a response from other people on the group. (emoji's etc.) You only need to reply if specific information is requested i.e. "Is anyone able to bring cake tomorrow?"
- No complaints/grievances should be communicated via the class group-chat. The forum for this is to make an appointment via the school secretary to meet the relevant teacher/HOD.
- Any form of inappropriate content, including, but not limited to, racism and hate speech, will not be tolerated on the chat.
- Your communication with your child's class teacher cannot be done via this Class WhatsApp chat – this can be done privately by setting up an appointment through the school's secretary.
- Please be reminded that, as per the parent contract, the school reserves the right to publish pictures of St. Nicholas Diocesan School children on the various digital platforms available at school (website, email, Class WhatsApp Group), as well as printed platforms like the school magazine, newspaper etc.
- Please note that accepting to be part of the class WhatsApp chat group, your mobile number becomes accessible to other parents on the group.

Please be advised that failure to comply with the above may result in a parent being excluded from the WhatsApp Group.

I, _____(Parent/guardian) of _____(name of child)

in grade _____, hereby accept the above policy regarding the Class WhatsApp Group at St. Nicholas Diocesan School. I wish to be part of my child's class WhatsApp group.

Dads Mobile Number : _____ Mum's Mobile Number : _____



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