



St Nicholas Diocesan School

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

Thursday, 30 January 2020

Dear Parents/ Guardians

Life at St Nicholas never slows down and our learners are all busy with their academics and extracurricular activities. Planning and dedication is crucial in order for learners to be able to balance all of these commitments. Some pointers for successful planning for your child are:

- 1. Think big picture first.** Teach your child how to “begin with the end in mind” as author Stephen Covey says. Once they can see what they are striving for, it will motivate them.
- 2. Fill in the steps.** Next it’s time to determine the smaller things they need to do in order to achieve what they are working toward. For example, if your child is working on a homework assignment, the goal is to finish it. Smaller steps may be to get help from you, find a quiet place to study, and have a healthy snack that provides energy.
- 3. Set a deadline.** Teachers always give students more time than necessary to complete assignments. The concept of imposing a deadline on themselves will serve your children better than having deadlines set for them by other people.
- 4. Gather the essentials.** Some of the tasks, or smaller steps, will require materials. Textbooks, study guides, or a computer with internet access will be required. Teaching your child to gather the items needed to complete the job will help him/her show up better prepared for the task at hand.
- 5. Prioritize and take action.** Learners struggle with prioritizing. They will often spend more time on subjects they like and leave the subjects they don’t like until last. Teach your kids to plan their tasks in order of importance and to discipline themselves to do the most important thing first. Then, move to the next task only after completing the first one.

St. Nicholas Diocesan School will be celebrating our 30th birthday this year. The school and all who learn, work and play here are extremely proud of our achievements over the past 30 years. To commemorate this milestone, we would like all children to have a branded, house colour t-shirt. The cost of the t-shirt is R80 per shirt and this amount will be added to your child’s school account. The t-shirts will be used throughout the year for functions at school, physical education lessons as well as sports practices in the afternoon. Each class teacher will have a fitting session with the samples of the t-shirt in order for us to order the correct size for your child. The school will be sending more information about other birthday functions in due course.

Yours Sincerely
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