



St Nicholas Diocesan School

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

Tuesday, 03 August 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

It has been wonderful to have the St Nicholas learners back on campus and we are working hard to ensure that we are offering a rich education experience for all of our learners. Please note that school will be closed on Monday 9th August as we celebrate Women's Day but we will be back at school on the Tuesday ready to learn.

Our Gender Committee and teachers are putting together a number of events and activities to shine a light on issues affecting women in South Africa and around the world. We will run a Black Thursday programme where learners will be allowed to wear appropriate all black outfits as a protest against gender based violence. Each time they wear black they will be asked to donate five rand to our chosen charity, Abrina Esther House, a shelter for victims of crime and gender based violence, which serves the people of the city of Pietermaritzburg.

Our extra-curricular programme has started with both girls and boys soccer fitness, cross country and athletics. Our debaters are debating virtually and a number of our learners are preparing for the school production. The DBE Amended Directions provide that all contact and non-contact sports may resume without any spectators. We are continuously assessing the situation in and around Pietermaritzburg and will only reopen inter school sport when we are convinced that it is safe to do so.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all learners who were awarded academic prizes this week. We have seen some very strong academic performances across the grades and considering the disruptions faced by the learners this year these are remarkable performances. We look forward to seeing all learners improving academically over the remainder of the year. Should parents wish to make an appointment to see their child's teacher please do so through the schools reception. We welcome parent involvement in a learner's academic performance.

Yours sincerely

Leon Grove

(Principal)